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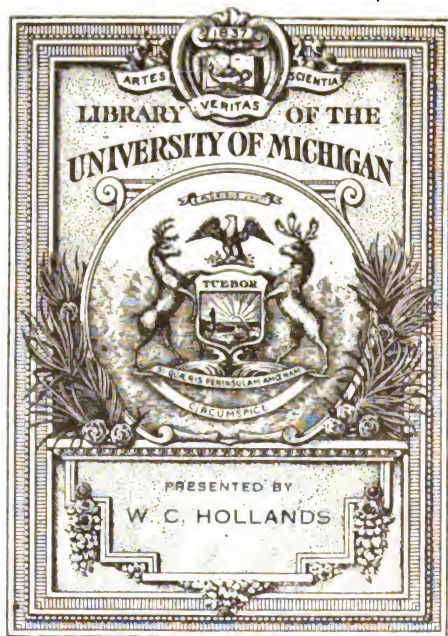
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OF THE
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The Annual Communication of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution and the resolution of the last session, at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (9th,) A. L. 5861.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. Hon. W. L. GREENLY, | - | Grand Master. |
| R. W. S. B. BROWN, | - - - | Deputy Grand Master. |
| W. D. A. WRIGHT, | - - - | Senior Grand Warden. |
| " A. B. CUDWORTH, as | - | Junior Grand Warden. |
| M. Rev. GEO. TAYLOR, | - - - | Grand Chaplain. |
| W. ALBERT H. JORDAN, | - | Grand Architect. |
| " JAMES FENTON, | - - - | Grand Secretary. |
| " W. J. EDWARDS, as | - - | Grand Treasurer. |
| " STILMAN BLANCHARD, | | Grand Visitor and Lecturer. |
| " F. CARLISLE, | - - - | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| " R. B. PIPER, | - - - | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| " JOSEPH P. WHITING, | - | Grand Marshal. |
| " T. B. ELDRED, | - - - | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| " A. PARTRIDGE, | - - - | Grand Pursuivant. |
| CHAS. D. HOWARD, | - | Grand Steward and Tiler. |

At high twelve the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. George Taylor, Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers Carlisle, Walker, and Carpenter, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit:

- No. 1—*Zion*—Chas. M. Young, M.; Hon. H. A. Morrow, S. W.;
A. P. Toulmin, J. W.; D. Anderson, L. P. M.
- No. 2—*Detroit*—Oliver Bourke, M.; Chas. S. Mott, S. W.; Wm. C.
Colburn, J. W.; Wm. Barclay, L. P. M.
- No. 3—*Union of S. O.*—John P. Fiske, M.; M. N. Smith, S. W.;
H. S. Roberts, L. P. M., and P. D. G. M.
- No. 4—*St. Joseph Valley*—John Woodruff, W. M., and Rep. of
Lodge.
- No. 5—*Rochester*—J. V. Lambertson, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 6—*Mt. Clemens*—W. S. Robbins, M., and Rep. of Lodge;
Hon. B. P. Eldridge, L. P. M.
- No. 7—*Washington*—T. H. Southworth, W. M.; A. D. Eldred,
S. W.
- No. 8—*Trenton*—N. C. Alvord, W. M.; A. E. Jaquith, S. W.; J.
J. David, J. W.
- No. 9—*Evergreen*—G. L. Cornell, M.; John Clark, S. D.; A. J.
Cummings, L. P. M.
- No. 10—*Dowagiac*—Daniel Heazlet, S. W., Rep. M., and J. W.
- No. 11—*Pine Grove*—Edgar White, Rep. M.; O. D. Conger, Rep.
S. W.; D. W. Tompkins, J. W.; E. W. Harris, L. P. M.
- No. 12—*Battle Creek*—W. C. Dumphrey, W. M.; D. D. Buck, S.
W.; M. C. Shafer, J. W.
- No. 13—*Phenix*—Edgar Bogardus, Rep. Master; D. Edwards, S.
W.; Amos C. Blodget, Rep. J. W.
- No. 14—*Murat*—J. W. Clark, M. and Rep. J. W.; Milton Osborn,
Rep. S. W.
- No. 16—*LaFayette*—Jas. Clark, M.; Jesse Button, Rep. S. and
J. Ws.
- No. 17—*Jackson*—Benj. Porter, Jr., M. P. G. V. and L.; C. A. Wies-
more, Rep. S. W.; Albert Howe, J. W.
- No. 18—*Tyre*—Artimas Allen, Rep. M.; John H. Beech, Rep. S.
W.; David Bovee, J. W.
- No. 19—*Adrian*—Wm. H. Cleveland, Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 20—*St. Albans*—Isaac Beers, W. M.; Henry A. Tillotson, S. W.; Robt. H. Powell, J. W.
- No. 21—*Pontiac*—A. B. Matthews, M. W.; A. B. Cudworth, S. W., and Rep. J. W.; F. Darrow, L. P. M.
- No. 22—*Kalamazoo*—J. W. Spoor, S. W.
- No. 23—*Flint*—Hon. Wm. M. Fenton, W. Master, and Representative of Senior Warden; Saml. C. Randall, Junior Warden.
- No. 24—*Mt. Hermon*—Saml. Frankish, Rep. M. and J. W.; Peter M. Grey, S. W.
- No. 25—*Paw Paw*—O. C. Simmons, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 26—*Maxson*—D. P. Chamberlin, M. W.; R. B. Piper, Rep. S. W.; F. D. Beach, S. W.
- No. 27—*Monroe*—James Darrah, M.; Ira R. Grosvener, Rep. J. W.
- No. 28—*Union*—Edwin Perry, M., and Rep. J. and S. W.
- No. 29—*Humanity*—Frank Mead, Rep. M., and S. W.; Chas. Doolittle, Rep. J. W.
- No. 30—*Concord*—J. M. Morrill, S. W., and Rep. M.; J. B. Taylor, J. W.
- No. 31—*Portland*—Chas. A. Peters, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 32—*Fidelity*—A. F. Whalen, M., and Rep. J. W.
- No. 33—*Lansing*—S. P. Mead, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 34—*Grand River*—B. B. Church, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 35—*Siloam*.
- No. 36—*Ionia*—P. H. Taylor, M., Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 37—*Lyons*—D. C. Spaulding, W. M., and Rep. J. W.; Walter Halsted, S. W.
- No. 38—*Howell*—Frank Wells, M., and Rep. S. W.; B. H. Lawson, Rep. J. W.
- No. 39—*Western Star*—Charles D. Nichols, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 40—*Franklin*.
- No. 41—*Rome*—Abijah Palmer, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 44—*Birmingham*—A. Partridge, W. M.; J. Holten, J. W., and Rep. S. W.
- No. 46—*Orion*—W. E. Littell, M.; T. P. Sutton, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 47—*Plymouth Rock*—Thos. J. Dean, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 48—*Austin*—E. C. Bartlett, Rep. M.; W. M. Vallean, S. W.; John Howling, J. W.; Bela Cogshall, L. P. M., P. G. V. and L.

- No. 49—*Meridian Sun*—B. F. Doughty, W. M.; Ira F. Packard, Rep. J. and S. W.
- No. 50—*Michigan*—J. L. Mitchel, L. P. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 51—*Almont*—Dewitt Hallock, Rep. M. and S. W.; D. W. Richardson, Rep. J. W.
- No. 52—*Hastings*—Zophor Scidmore, W. M., and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 54—*Lapeer*—Hon. N. B. Eldridge, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 55—*Backus*—S. S. Chapman, W. M., and Rep. J. W.; J. A. Shingledecker, S. W.
- No. 56—*Occidental*—Benj. F. Chadwick, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 57—*Three Rivers*—John Cowling, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 58—*Pt. Huron*—Wm. T. Mitchel, W. M.; J. B. Hull, S. W.; Calvin Ames, J. W.
- No. 59—*Climax*—Saml. C. Hodgeman, J. W. and Rep. of Lodge; T. B. Eldred, L. P. M.
- No. 60—*Cedar*—W. B. Smith, M.; A. M. Haight, S. W.; E. Dean, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 61—*Lexington*—Arthur M. Clarke, W. M.; Geo. Tarroni, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 62—*S. Ward*.
- No. 63—*Eaton Rapids*—P. W. Rodgers, Rep. of Lodge; Thos. S. Havens, L. P. M.
- No. 64—*Macomb*—Geo. W. Knapp, Rep. of Lodge; Barlow Davis, L. P. M.
- No. 65—*Washtenaw*—F. Carlisle, W. M.; George Lyon, S. W.; Alex. Ewing, Rep. of Lodge; Benj. F. Rushton, Rep. J. W.
- No. 66—*Capital of S. O.*—E. F. Siverd, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 67—*Ontonagon*.
- No. 68—*Buchanan*—Daniel Terriere, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 69—*Tecumseh*—S. Blanchard, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 70—*Mason*—Peter Lowe, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge; P. McKernan, L. P. M.
- No. 71—*Mackinac*.
- No. 73—*Colon*—Andrew J. Kinne, M., Rep. S. W.; H. A. Patterson, J. W.; Martin Gloyd, L. P. M.
- No. 74—*Dundee*—Henry Watling, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 75—*Utica*—Oliver Adams, W. M.; Adolph Krolich, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 76—*Livingston*—Chas. C. Young, S. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 77—*Saginaw*—John S. Esterbrook, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 78—*Otsego*—Orsamus Eaton, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 79—*Germania*—M. C. T. Plessner, M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 80—*Byron*—H. B. Southard, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 81—*Owosso*—M. W. Quackenboss, W. M.; R. L. Stewart, S. W.; C. F. Jackson, Rep. J. W.
- No. 82—*Lake St. Clair*—H. G. Blanchard, W. M.; Abel Davis, Rep. S. W.; J. W. Leonard, Rep. J. W.; Chas. Terry, L. P. M.
- No. 83—*Bellevue*—R. B. Hughes, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 84—*Oxford*—T. M. Parker, W. M. and Rep. J. W.; O. E. Bell, S. W.
- No. 85—*Ann Arbor*—B. T. Corning, W. M.; B. F. Watts, S. W.; S. Dean, J. W.; John N. Gott, L. P. M.
- No. 86—*Valley City*—E. D. Benedict, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge; J. W. Sligh, L. P. M.
- No. 87—*Anchor of S. O.*
- No. 88—*Buller*—Ambrose Lampman, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 89—*Myrtle*—Levi J. Ford, S. W.; T. M. Cody, J. W.
- No. 90—*Lowell*—Thomas Daniels, M. and Rep. J. W.; A. C. Vanderhoof, S. M.
- No. 91—*Ashlar*—Geo. B. Ensworth, W. M.; Reuben Bullman, S. W.; J. B. Conklin, J. W.; A. H. Jordan, L. P. M.
- No. 92—*Prairie*—O. F. Burroughs, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 93—*Star*—Chauncy Leonard, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 94—*Charity*—Jos. J. Rhodes, W. M.; William Walker, S. W.; Jas. D. Weir, J. W.; J. P. Whiting, L. P. M.
- No. 95—*Jeremiah Moors*—F. N. Butler, M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 96—*Greenville*—John Lewis, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 97—*Niles*—Joel Loomis, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge; Wm. J. Edwards, L. P. M.
- No. 98—*Waterford*—F. W. Fifield, W. M.; Calvin Rose, S. W.; R. Bronson, Rep. J. W.
- No. 99—*Decatur*—H. Canoll, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 100—*Oakwood*—Lucius Fitch, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 101—*Marquette*—Wm. Brodie, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 102—*Blanchard*—Jas. J. Russell, W. M.; D. B. Tracy, Rep. S. W.; W. Corbin, L. P. M.
 No. 103—*Greenly*—Geo. F. Payne, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 104—*White Pigeon*—J. E. Johnson, P. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 105—*St. Johns*—Ransom Plumstead, M.; J. W. Payne, S. W., H. C. Hodge, Rep. J. W.
 No. 106—*St. Peters*—A. S. Cook, W. M.; S. E. Chapel, Rep. J. W.
 No. 107—*Eureka*—J. M. Oliver, L. P. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 108—*Rockland*.
 No. 109—*Fentonville*—D. H. Baker, W. M.; D. Burroughs, S. W.; Wm. Brockius, J. W.; M. Ayres, L. P. M.
 No. 110—*Hiram*—A. M. Arzino, Rep. M.; W. A. Chamberlain, Rep. S. W.; Stephen Reynolds, J. W.
 No. 111—*Allegan*—E. B. Bassett, M.; R. S. Updike, J. W. and Rep. S. W.
 No. 112—*Wayne*—Bradshaw Hodgkinson, M.; C. Walker, S. W.; S. W. Walker, Rep. of J. W.
 No. 113—*Hamilton*—Elias Alley, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 114—*Blissfield*—Daniel Carpenter, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 115—*Corunna*—Hugh McCurdy, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 116—*Excelsior*—O. R. Dibble, W. M.; A. E. Thomas, S. W.; Saml. Bonker, J. W.
 No. 117—*Reading*—A. B. Strong, M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 118—*Schoolcraft*—Preston Taylor, Rep. S. W.
 No. 119—*Rising Sun*—Emory O. Briggs, M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 120—*Charlotte*.
 No. 121—*Commerce*—Solon Cooly, W. M.; J. M. Hoyte, Rep. S. W.; T. A. Smith, J. W.
 No. 122—*Ottawa*—B. L. Piper, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 123—*Ithica*—Wm. W. Comstock, M. and Rep. J. W.; Elijah Peck, S. W.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in **AMPLE FORM**.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 4 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

On Grievances—Bros. O. D. Conger, M. Osborn, and D. P. Chamberlain.

On Examination—Bros. A. Allen, N. C. Alvord, and P. H. Taylor.

On Accounts—Bros. Bela Cogshall, B. B. Church, and Thos. J. Dean.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros. the Grand Secretary, Hon. H. A. Morrow, and H. C. Hodge.

The following communication was read, the use of the Hall was accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge tendered for the courtesy:

M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, now in session:

On the part of Union Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 3, I respectfully tender to the Grand Lodge the use of its Hall, for a committee room, or for other purposes. The Hall will be kept warmed and ready for use.

Very fraternally, yours, &c.,

JOHN P. FISKE, W. M.

On motion, all petitions and requests pertaining to Lodges now working under dispensation, be referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, together with the transcripts of their proceedings and copies of their By-Laws.

The Grand Secretary presented the petitions of brethren for the establishment of new Lodges at Kalamo, Linden, and Menden, respectively, which were also referred to the same committee.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

In pursuance of the requirements of our Constitution, and in fulfillment of the high duties which we owe to our Order, we have again assembled to interchange views in regard to its future advancement and prosperity, and over and above all to review its ancient Landmarks, and ascertain by careful examination if we are now within their limits.

I repeat over and above all to ascertain if we are now within the limits of the ancient Landmarks, because the experience of the past year has satisfied me that Masonry is governed too much.

We find Masonry as far back as the memory of man runneth, solid in its foundation, firm in its basis, and beautiful (we might almost say perfect) in its superstructure. So perfect does it seem in all its parts, that it appears as though it was formed, fashioned, and perfected by the Grand Artificer of the Universe, and when completed was by Him pronounced good. It is difficult, nay, almost impossible, to present any new truths in Masonry; the principles of truth, justice and mercy, which constitute the very basis of Masonry, are eternal as the Heavens, unchangeably the same, though here on earth perpetually variable in the manner of their application to the various standards of worldly moral philosophy. That which is permitted by the standard of truth in one age, may be rejected as erroneous in another; that which is regarded as consistent with the peculiar standard of morals in one age, may be reckoned as immoral, licentious, and even criminal in another. Even in the same age and nation, that which is permitted as not inconsistent with purity and refinement of manner in the social circles of our community, may be regarded as indecent in another. The same diversity of views in regard to moral obligations extend to the various professions and business pursuits in life. Each profession and trade has its peculiar standard of morals, which, when viewed by the light of eternal truth and justice, is found to fall far below the standard enjoined by the golden rule of doing unto others as we would that others should do unto us. This heaven-born principle is inculcated, and most earnestly impressed upon the mind

of every Mason in every well regulated Lodge ; it is one of the peculiar results of our Order, in which there is no room for honest difference of opinion.

It is not difficult for any honest mind to understand what is and what is not duty, in all cases to which this rule is applicable, provided the application be faithfully made. The tenets of Masonry as now inculcated are the same as in the beginning. They are based upon the moral law as given to Moses on Sinai, and are applicable to all ages, all places, and under all circumstances. They embody all the moral obligations binding upon man, and whatever is moral obligation is Masonic obligation : a bad man cannot be a good Mason. In an old work on Masonry, published in England more than two centuries ago, it is said that a good Mason is a good man—or according to the orthography then in use, “a gude Mason is a gude mann.” The same truth is applicable to the Free and Accepted Masons of the present day.

It will be seen by the following extract from the ancient charges at the constituting of a Lodge, prepared for the use of the Grand Lodge of England, two hundred years since, that the moral requisites for becoming and continuing a True Mason in good standing, were the same then as at the present day : “Every man, who is a True Mason, must consider it as a sacred duty to fix on his mind the following charges, and to observe them with due care, principally for the dread of the Most High God, by whose holy name he has sworn to obey them, for it is a great error to be guilty of perjury :

“You shall be true liegemen to the government and laws of your country, and never be guilty of falsehood or treason.

“You are also to be true to one another, and to observe the golden rule of doing to every brother as you would wish that he should do unto you.

“You must conduct yourselves as men of honesty and integrity, and serve your master in such manner as may be most conducive to his honor and profit.

“You shall respect the chastity of a brother's wife, his daughter's, and servant's, and shall commit no act which can cast a reflection on his character, or expose him to shame.”

These are some of the charges and covenants which were read at the instalment of a Master, or at the making of a Free Mason, more

than two centuries since, and the principles then and there inculcated are the same in substance to-day. Though slightly modified in the form of expression, no new principle or tenet has ever been added, and the ancient rules and regulations were found all sufficient for their enforcement. The fidelity with which these principles are applied and the ancient rules and regulations of the craft enforced, depend in a manner upon the standard of morals which generally prevails in the community at large; for it is a lamentable fact that in these degenerate days the general deportment of Free Masons seems to be more in conformity to the standard of morals which governs outside, than to that which is inculcated in the Lodge. If the tenets which are inculcated in the Lodge were now as strictly enforced as they were in ancient times, the Order of Free Masonry would be more potent in moulding the character of the world outside, than it is now.

The principles of true Masonry, which are the principles of Christianity, are most impressively presented to the minds of every Brother on his admission into the Lodge, and the duty of Masons is at the same time so particularly defined that none may mistake its meaning. No room is left for an honest difference of opinion in the teachings of our craft. If a Brother persistently indulge in any course which, being vicious, would bring his character, or that of his Lodge, into disrepute, or which is inconsistent with the rule of doing to others as he would have a right to require others to do to him under similar circumstances, he is guilty of violating the rules of the Order, and should be dealt with accordingly.

This plain, simple, and self-evident truth answers more than three-fourths of the questions that have been propounded to me as Grand Master during the last year, and it needs no edict or resolution to carry it out.

Many of the best and greatest men in all ages have deemed it an honor to be numbered among the votaries of the Order of Free Masonry, hence it is reasonable to say that Free Masonry possesses the power of exerting a great influence upon the moral character of the world, and is, therefore, in a measure responsible for the general standard of morals by which the world outside is governed; and, if the violation of its rules by its members were more generally followed by the discipline which each Lodge has the power to enforce, without recourse to law, the standard of public morals would thereby be

elevated, and the amount of suffering consequent upon wrong doing would be diminished in every land where the noble Order of Freemasonry is planted. And, although we may never expect to see the time when, through the influence of Freemasonry, or of the Church, *all* the hungry shall be fed, *all* the naked clothed, or *all* the sick healed, we might expect that under such a revival of Freemasonry as would bring its practices nearer to the standard of its principles, there would be less evil, and consequently less suffering.

I would suggest as one of the most important and effectual means of bringing about such a revival, that great care be taken to guard the entrance of strangers among the workers. All are strangers until regularly and legally admitted into the Lodge, therefore every applicant for admission to the first, or any higher degree, is a stranger to that degree, and should not be admitted except upon the most satisfactory evidence that he possesses all the moral requisites of a good man, without which he cannot be a good Mason.

Although Masonry was thus perfect in the beginning, and still is in spirit, and although the ancient rules and regulations were found to be amply sufficient in the days of Masonic purity, we find that at every session of the Grand Lodge, some aspiring brother, willing and anxious to advance the interest of Masonry, which is justly very dear to him, with but little reflection and less forethought, presents for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, a series of resolutions for the control and government of subordinate Lodges, intending thereby to elucidate some dark or doubtful points in the ancient rules and regulations which our fathers found sufficient for them. Illy digested by himself, and imperfectly understood by the Grand Lodge, they are adopted, and become Masonic law within his jurisdiction. Then follows inquiry upon inquiry from every part of the State as to what the true intent and meaning is of such hastily adopted resolutions or edicts. One Master of a Lodge will tell you that it conflicts with the ancient land marks. Another, that in his Lodge, at least, it works badly, producing great inconvenience, if not positive wrong; confusion and discord, if not apathy and disgust, are thus produced in the minds of brethren, and a great and absolute wrong to the cause of Masonry is thus needlessly and heedlessly brought about. Founded upon the highest and holiest and best feelings of our nature,

Masonry needs not so much legislation. It needs little other than the laws of God himself.

Since our last communication Masonry has been prosperous in the highest degree within this jurisdiction. Peace and plenty have been predominant in our State. But, alas, a dark cloud has arisen and now lowers over our beloved Union. Fearful, indeed, are the portents which are shadowed forth from its thick darkness. But in the language of one of my worthy and respected predecessors, "the fraternal relations existing amongst brethren throughout this country form an element of strength—a bond of union stronger than any other—for these alone have been able to resist the efforts of bigotry, the force of superstition, the rage of party, and is the only relation in which men who differ in all else can agree." May we not hope that when all efforts at conciliation shall have failed, that our beloved Order, powerful alone for good, may, by a united effort throughout the length and breadth of our land, bring about that harmony which alone can save our common country. I would therefore earnestly recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Body, with a view of enlisting all the Grand Lodges of the Union in the same effort to bring about so desirable a result.

Since the adjournment of the Grand Lodge I have granted the following dispensations: One for a Lodge at Berlin, St. Clair county, to be called Forest Lodge; one at Ovid, to be called Ovid Lodge; one at Ypsilanti, to be called Ypsilanti Lodge; one at Bay City, to be called Bay City Lodge.

I cannot close this address without acknowledging the great assistance which I have derived from the energy and skill of my worthy predecessor, J. Adams Allen, and also from the untiring devotion of our worthy Grand Secretary, Jas. Fenton.

For the great degree of skill for which the Lodges within this jurisdiction have been noted, too much praise cannot be awarded to our R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer, S. Blanchard.

WM. L. GREENLY.

On motion of Bro. Hon. H. A. Morrow, that portion of the Grand Master's address which recommends to the consideration of the Grand Lodge the threatened disasters of our country, was referred to a special committee of three, and the Grand Master appointed Bro.

Hon. H. A. Morrow, N. B. Eldridge, and D. P. Chamberlin such committee, when, on motion of Bro. J. Eastman Johnson, the committee was increased to seven, and the M. W. Grand Master added to the committee the following brethren, viz.: J. Eastman Johnson, O. D. Conger, Hon. W. M. Fenton, and Francis Darrow.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when the Grand Visitor and Lecturer presented the following

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan :

When I first assumed the responsible position of Grand Visitor and Lecturer for this jurisdiction, I was fully aware that upon a faithful performance of the duties of this important office would depend much of the usefulness and reputation of the subordinate Lodges. The Masonic institution, like all other sublunary things, has had its periods of action and reaction—of prosperity and depression. It was after the partial subsidence of one of those periods of depression that the Institution was again renewed at a comparatively recent period, by a worthy few, who, amid storm and sunshine, remained faithful to their early vows. But amid the gloom that for years overwhelmed our Order, when the communications of the Brothers over a large portion of our country, like angel's visits, were few and far between, much of the *unwritten* language of the ritual was obscured, and the work of many Lodges exhibited a strange departure from the ancient Landmarks. In the absence of uniform instruction, the working members of the Lodges were compelled to supply deficiencies by language and forms suggested at the moment by their own ingenuity, or by reference to uncertain and questionable guides, and thus tares were sown until the ritual and work of scarcely any two Lodges corresponded in unity and harmony.

The object of the Grand Lodge in adopting a standard system of lectures, and insisting, by positive edicts, that these lectures should

be adopted, to guide the work, and in order to correct the existing and frequently objectionable mode of working the Lodges, necessarily led to the appointment of a Grand Visitor and Lecturer, and in this capacity I have had the honor of serving during the past four years.

The wisdom of this edict of the Grand Lodge is apparent in the present improved condition and character of the Lodges in this State, as compared with the condition of those in existence at the period of the adoption of the edict. Without arrogating any peculiar merit to myself, the brethren present will bear me out in the assertion, that in no State of the Union will be found a better instructed or more uniform system than is exhibited in the lectures and work of the Lodges of Michigan, and nowhere a more strict adherence to the ancient Landmarks. The lectures and work of our Lodges correspond with the Revised Baltimore work and lectures, and embody true Masonry in all its grand essentials. With these steadily in view—not as my fancied ideal of perfection, but as the model and guide adopted by the Grand Lodge for the government of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, I have labored long and earnestly to perfect the unity of our Masonic Temples, and nothing gives me more pleasure than the present opportunity of presenting my grateful obligations to the Fraternity within this jurisdiction, for their readiness to receive the *Light*, and the untiring perseverance with which they have labored to perfect the Masonic Edifice within our borders. And here I may remark, that Masonry can be appreciated only by *live men*—those who are conscious of whatever is beautiful in morality, and grand in the conception of human obligations. Hence Masonry will always be found in its most beautiful proportions, and in its highest perfection, where human intellect is most highly developed.

The population of Michigan is composed of some of the most energetic and intelligent people of the older States, of the British Islands, and of the continent of Europe. Drones never leave the parent hive; it is the workers who go abroad and gather nutriment from every scattered flower. Almost within a quarter of a century the citizens of Michigan have taken the comparatively recent wilderness from the hands of nature, erected here an independent and prosperous State, and dotted it all over with the unmistakable impress of intellectual and moral culture; energy, intelligence, perseverance, and morality, are the characteristics of our population. The grand design over all

—pervading all—is the acquisition of knowledge. It is in truth a passion that holds in subordination an inordinate love of money, as witnessed in our free schools and institutions of humanity already scattered broadcast over our land, and maintained at public expense. Amid such a population—a population of earnest *men*, with broad and comprehensive intellects, it is not surprising that Masonry, with its glorious symbols, its spiritual liturgy, its boundless charity, embracing North and South, East and West, its ever living morality, and its universal adaptation to the great necessities of man in all times and in all places, should be gradually but certainly approximating to its highest development of beauty and excellence. This almost universal desire for the acquisition of knowledge is the cause of the spread of Masonry within our borders, and when the Grand Lodge assembles in Grand communication, it also explains why in no other assembly within or beyond our State, do we find a more intellectual, talented, or energetic body of men.

During the past year I have visited, by special invitation, and lectured and worked in over seventy-five Lodges within this jurisdiction, embracing those in the Lake Superior region. As already intimated, I have everywhere found a disposition to acquire a correct knowledge of the principles and minutiae of our Order and to sustain its precepts. But the constant establishment of new Lodges, and the frequent change of officers in those already in operation, would seem to require a continuation of the policy heretofore pursued by this Grand Lodge. At our last annual Grand Communication there was some action on the subject of work in the respective degrees. As different views were entertained by those who were present, it has been difficult to ascertain what was really adopted. So far as I have been able to learn, the work proposed was probably based, in part, on the lectures of Preston and Webb, those true and noble Brothers who devoted their lives to the service of the craft, and whose work and lectures are held in the highest estimation by those who are laboring for the adoption of a uniform system of Masonic instruction throughout christendom. These lectures and corresponding work, in spirit and form, closely approximate to the Baltimore ritual; but there is a difference. I have had the pleasure of hearing them repeated, and witnessed the work exemplified by that noble man and true-hearted

Brother, Rob. Morris, and they are justly entitled to serious consideration for their originality, beauty, and ultimate prospect of general adoption. But until adopted in full by this Grand Lodge, an attempt to work or engraft them upon our lectures or system, as adopted in 1847, will inevitably produce confusion, and disturb the generally existing unity and harmony in the lectures and work of our Lodges.

On closing, permit me again most respectfully to tender you my heart-felt thanks for your continued kindness, which has supported me amid the trials of adverse fortune, and which can only be forgotten with the termination of the life of him who has the honor to subscribe himself your devoted Brother,

S. BLANCHARD.

Bro. H. McCurdy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that candidates for the degrees of F. C. and M. M. can be balloted for and passed or raised at other than regular communications, provided they have made suitable proficiency.

Which was referred to a Special Committee of three on Masonic Law.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bro. Wm. M. Fenton, Darrow and Terry such committee.

It was then on motion,

Resolved, That the annual election of Grand Officers be made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris, L. L. D., Past Grand Master of Kentucky, was then introduced and welcomed in some highly appropriate remarks by the Grand Master, who invited him to a seat upon the dais.

In response to this, Bro. Morris said that it was in his heart to acknowledge the enthusiastic greetings extended to him by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, by an humble but ardent prayer to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that He would prosper the great institution so largely and worthily represented here to-day, and would crown the present Convocation with happiness and success. He said that it was plain to his mind that Masonry was independent of climate, for the looks of the crowd before him proved that as warm hearts and hands existed here as in climates further south.

In relation to the lowering condition of our national affairs, Bro. Morris mournfully said:

"We are in the midst of a great national crisis. The voice of war echoes through one portion of our common country, and confusion and dismay are upon the winds. Stone after stone is dropping from the great national temple; the cement which once bound them together having become weakened and decayed. Men from opposite sides of the river look askance at each other, and it threatens soon to be with us as with our brethren in the days of Zerubbabel, when the words of allegiance and troth proper to the one bank were not understood or acknowledged upon the other.

"In the State from which he had come to visit the Michigan brethren—a State once styled, for its horrid traditions, 'the Dark and Bloody Ground'—the inhabitants look mournfully upon one another as though wondering when the signal for civil war will be made; and ask themselves if Kentucky is again to become in reality 'the Dark and Bloody Ground?'"

Following upon this gloomy and desponding view, Bro. Morris exhorted the brethren of Michigan that whatever results might follow upon these movements, even though the national fabric were to crumble and decay, and the people degenerate into civil war, *the Masonic tie* must not be broken, weakened, or affected. The principles of Masonry must be studied more than ever. The strictest scrutiny must be made into the character of the materials offered for its walls, and the most devoted attention given to a uniform and correct system of instruction.

In conclusion, Bro. Morris adverted to the results of that blessed spirit of conciliation so often exercised by Masons in times of war and bloodshed, and exhorted the brethren to cherish and display it in the present crisis.

The following lines have been forwarded by Bro. Morris to the Grand Secretary, with a request to insert them, which he does with great pleasure. They were written for delivery at this time, but mislaid:

Men of the broad Peninsula, oh true and loving band
Who in the chain of Masonry around these altars stand,
Bright let the fire of friendship burn and warmly let it glow,
For a stranger from a distant land would join your circle now.

THE ACACIA blooms in every clime, the BROKEN SHAFT doth rear
Its mournful form in mystic guise, and meets us everywhere;
The Gavel rings o'er land and sea, yon emblem speaks the same
About the globe as here it speaks the UNIVERSAL NAME.

And why? because ONE GOD we have in whom alone we trust;
He made us all, OUR FATHER, and us all of kindred dust;
The same green MOTHER EARTH, the broad, the generous, He gave,
Who feeds us while we live, and gives us when we die, a GRAVE.

We build a common TEMPLE here, the lofty and the low,
We bring the same heart-offerings and in one homage bow;
Our TRACING-BOARDS, the same design in every clime have given,
And serving the same MASTER, we expect the same bright HEAVEN.

Then let the stranger have a place within your mystic band,
Where eye responsive answers eye, and hand unites with hand;
He knows your WORD, he knows your SIGN, and asks no better grace
Than with you here to sit awhile and greet you face to face.

PEACE through the broad Peninsula be heaven's boon to-day;
PEACE, PEACE—it is the yearning prayer the stranger's heart would pray;
And could they hear it, from the land and from the rolling sea,
From every Mason's lips would come the cry, So MORE IT BE!

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence then made the following

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that they have mailed printed copies of the proceedings of the last session of this Grand Lodge to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, and in return we have received copies of the proceedings of the following :

Alabama, December, 1859.
Arkansas, November, 1859.
California, May, 1860.
Connecticut, May, 1860.
Canada, July, 1860.
District of Columbia, from Dec., 1858,
to Dec., 1859.
Delaware, June, 1860.
Georgia, October, 1859.
Illinois, October, 1860.
Indiana, May, 1860.
Iowa, June, 1860.
Kentucky, October, 1859.
Kansas, October, 1859, and Oct. 1860.
Louisiana, February, 1860.
Maine, May, 1860.
Maryland, annual meeting, Nov., 1859,
and May, 1860.
Mississippi, January, 1860.

Massachusetts, from March to December, 1859.
Minnesota, October, 1859.
Missouri, May, 1860.
New Jersey, January, 1860.
Nebraska, June, 1860.
New Hampshire, June, 1860.
New York, June, 1860.
North Carolina, December, 1859.
Ohio, October, 1860.
Pennsylvania, 1859.
Rhode Island, for the year ending
June, 1860.
South Carolina, November, 1859.
Texas, June, 1860.
Virginia, October, 1859.
Vermont, January, 1860.
Wisconsin, June, 1860.

From the voluminous pages of these documents they have endeavored to draw a narrative of the condition of our Order throughout our country, ever keeping in view the principles which have heretofore guided us in reporting the doings of our peers.

From their copious pages we have endeavored to give a plain narrative of the doings of our brethren in other jurisdictions, with but little comment, believing that the free interchange of reports of the manner of dispensing of analogous cases, is a sure way of forming a right public opinion on all questions of Masonic practice and jurisprudence.

We notice an almost unanimous opinion expressed by Grand Masters on the dangers to be apprehended from too rapid growth, whether by the indiscriminate granting of dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, or by the too easy admission of improper persons into our Temple; and we find accordingly various checks and restraints proposed in the former case, and many solemn admonitions in the latter, against laxity on the part of investigating committees. It seems to be generally conceded, that a candidate should not merely have the negative qualification of possessing no bad qualities, but that it should be required that his positive good qualities are such that he would add something to the moral character of our institution, instead of being a lifeless and therefore heavy load for it to carry. The idea of making Masonry a school of reformation is strongly deprecated; that is, that none should be permitted to pass its portals in the hopes that Masonry will be the means of leading the candidate into the ways of morality and virtue, when his previous life and character have given evidence that his conduct has not been in accordance with the tenets of our profession, or the cardinal virtues.

From all sources of information to which we have access, we are pleased to learn that brotherly love to Masons everywhere prevails; that no discord is heard between the busy craftsmen of the different parts of our extended country; that, so to speak, the craftsmen of Tyre labor harmoniously with the workmen of Solomon; that no rivalry of place of birth or residence detracts from the laudable emulation which actuates each laborer in our moral edifice. That this fraternal bond may never be weakend, but that under the all-seeing eye of Providence it may continue to be a strong link in the chain which now binds our great country together, and that it will nobly do its part to secure this desirable end, can not be doubted by those who know the spirit that actuates and governs it. That it may be successful, we will ever pray.

ALABAMA.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Montgomery, on the 5th of December, 1859. M. W. R. H. Ervin, Grand Master, says he can unite with his brethren in the pleasing reflection that the principles of Free Masonry have generally been maintained in their purity, and the craft seem to be gradually but perceptibly improving in their social, moral, and intellectual standing; yet in all this bright picture there are touches of sadness; for many with whom it has been their pleasure heretofore to mingle on such occasions, have been called to their long homes, among whom are included three of their past Grand Officers.

They devoted considerable time to the reports of the Committee on Work in the three degrees.

It was decided that a Brother under suspension may be tried and punished for another offence afterwards committed.

They require Lodges recommending the petition for a new Lodge to certify whether the proposed new Lodge is more than fifteen miles from the nearest Lodge.

Reports were made by the majority and minority of the Committee on Jurisprudence on a case presenting briefly the following facts : On a charge of gross unmasonic conduct, a member of the Lodge was regularly arraigned, tried, and found guilty ; but in favor of his suspension or expulsion, two-thirds of the members present could not be induced to vote : there being twenty-four for and fourteen against such exclusion. Subsequent to this action a motion to reprimand was carried by a large majority, and the accused was introduced and made to undergo such discipline. After the term had expired in which an appeal could be taken to the Grand Lodge, the aggrieved party represented to the Master of the Lodge that he had discovered new, important, and hitherto unknown testimony, which he believed was amply sufficient to convict, and prayed for a new trial ; the Master granted it, and the Brother was cited to appear and answer substantially the same charge and specifications to which he had previously pleaded. When the rehearing came on, the question was raised whether the Lodge could proceed again to try and punish for the same offence for which he had already been convicted and reprimanded. The Master decided it could, and the trial proceeded. To test the correctness of the decision, the appeal was taken.

The majority argue that our rules of action are not founded on the forms of judicial proceedings, but on our own unchangeable landmarks and ancient constitutions, and where these are silent, as in this case, instruction is to be sought from the great light which is open in every Lodge ; that our authorities plainly teach that the Holy Bible is the only guide of faith and practice, and the crime, for the alleged perpetration of which this brother was arraigned, was one of the most odious prohibited by the laws of our fraternity, therefore the decision of the Master of the Lodge granting a new trial should be sustained.

The minority argue that the common law forbids that a man should be put twice in jeopardy of life and limb, and that therefore a second trial was improper.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the majority, and your committee are satisfied that *justice* was done in the case, whether an abstract technicality of *law* was violated or not.

R. H. Ervin was elected Grand Master and Daniel Sayre was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication at Little Rock, in November, 1859, M. W. Luke E. Barber, Grand Master, presiding, who reports that from official information from officers and members of Lodges, he learns that the Order is generally in as healthy and flourishing condition as they could reasonably expect. In some locations it is languid and feeble, showing a want of zeal and vitality; this he regrets, but to him a more serious consideration, involving somewhat of apprehension, is presented in the number of letters asking his advice in reference to charges of unmasonic conduct ; he has been forcibly struck with the unusual number of trials for moral delinquencies during the past year, at least the number presented to his notice has been unusually

great. He hopes it is to be attributed to a more energetic effort on the part of worthy members to conscientiously discharge their duty in purifying their Lodges from the contamination of the impure and worthless; but he prays his brethren to bear it in mind, for he intends it as a serious admonition, that their doors have been negligently guarded, in time past.

Their session occupied four days, during which time they had the work of the several degrees exemplified, and attended promptly and efficiently to the various matters coming before them.

E. H. English was elected Grand Master, and J. D. Merrick was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Sacramento, in May, 1860, M. W. N. Greene Curtis, presiding. His opening address is concise, eloquent, and business-like. He congratulates his brethren upon the general peace, harmony, and prosperity of our beloved Order throughout the world. At no period in their history, he says, has the Grand Lodge convened under more favorable auspices. His brethren everywhere are zealously engaged in working together for the general good. The dissensions and party *isms*, so rife in other affairs, find no abiding place in their Lodges; and in all the fullness and appropriateness of the spirit and teachings of the fraternity, their members meet, act, and part. He especially asks to be allowed to join them in thankfulness to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, for the general exemption of the members of their Order in that commonwealth, during the past year, from disease and death. To this Providence all good Masons bow in humble submission, not questioning the wisdom of His ways, but ever grateful for the bounties He bestows.

He issued dispensations for the establishment of eight new Lodges during the year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is an able review of the proceedings of 38 Grand Lodges, our own among the number, from the pen of R. W. Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary; this and other reports from him are proof, if any is necessary, of his assiduous and untiring devotion to the interests of the institution in which he acts so conspicuous a part.

The session was continued through five days, during which time much business was done, many able reports made, and it would seem that every subject brought before them was well digested and properly disposed of. The subjects of these deliberations were of a local character, of great interest to them, but requiring no special notice at our hands.

The Grand Master replied to sundry questions during this communication. Among his decisions was, that a Mason may make application for affiliation as often as he pleases; the rejection of his petition by a Lodge simply implies that that particular Masonic family, or some of its members, has objection to the immediate association, but it does not prevent him from applying for membership to any other Lodge, or to the same one, at any time thereafter.

N. Greene Curtis, Grand Master, and Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

CANADA.

This Grand Lodge having fully surmounted the difficulties which beset her at the outset, has now entered upon a career of usefulness and prosperity. We are in receipt of the journal of their proceedings at several emergent communications, and of their annual meeting in July last, at the city of Ottawa.

The reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters, on the condition of Masonry within their respective jurisdiction, show their Lodges to be prosperous and fulfilling the objects of their establishment, and at the same time give evidence that all the interests of the craft are properly cared for.

From the address of M. W. Grand Master Wilson, we learn that during the year which has passed away, nothing has occurred either to mar their harmony or to interrupt their peaceful progress. During the year he granted dispensations for opening twenty-one new Lodges, and that in every case satisfactory evidence was offered that the officer who had been selected to preside, possessed the necessary qualifications.

The question has been mooted for some time respecting the status of a member suspended for non-payment of dues; the Grand Master last year was of opinion that *exclusion* from a Lodge for non-payment of dues should not affect the standing of the member towards the craft in general, but only the relation to his Lodge; in other words, that he thereby became non-affiliated, and rested under the general disability of that position. At this session it was declared that suspension for non-payment of dues should exclude the Brother (while under suspension) from Masonic privileges, until restored thereto by the action of his Lodge.

Notice was given that at the next annual communication it would be moved that the Constitution be so amended that *one* black ball shall exclude candidates, instead of two, as now required.

M. W. J. Douglass Harrington was elected Grand Master, and Thos. B. Harris was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Lodge met in annual communication at New Haven, in May, 1860, M. W. John C. Blackman, Grand Master, presiding, who takes pleasure in saying to his brethren that to the best of his knowledge Masonry within the State is in a healthy and highly prosperous condition. He reminds his brethren that while the outer doors are to be properly guarded, this is only *one* of the great duties of Masons. The entered apprentice does not immediately, upon knowing the names and uses of the various implements of the Craft in operative Masonry, receive the necessary skill to become a master workman; but through diligent attention to the example of his superiors, and a constant and patient perseverance in the line of their instructions, he may ultimately attain to that honorable position; and he says he wishes to stir up their minds by way of remembrance by saying that Lodges should always be places where apprentices may be entered and not only taught the signs and symbols of the Order, but also to begin practically to ascend the theological ladder and diligently cultivate the cardinal virtues.

During the year he granted seven dispensations for new Lodges.

The business of their session was mainly to attend to local matters, arising from various constructions of their constitution and by-laws, as applied to numerous questions arising from the practice of Lodges under them.

Brother Howard B. Ensign was elected Grand Master, and Brother E. G. Storer was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at their fifty-fourth annual communication in June last.

They have twelve Lodges on their register; the initiations during the year were forty; total membership five hundred and thirty-three.

Grand Master McFee admonishes his brethren to put forth every effort to make love supreme, charity abound, and Masonic principles triumphant over every obstacle. He decided, among other things, that a non-affiliated Mason could not prefer charges against a member of a Lodge, holding that a non-affiliated Mason has forfeited his claim to Lodge privileges, by his own voluntary act.

Brother Geo. W. Chayter, chairman of a committee appointed at the previous meeting, presented an elaborate report on the right of Wardens to confer degrees in the absence of the Master. After patient research the conclusions arrived at are, that nowhere in the ancient laws or usages of the craft, can be found any authority granting to Wardens *even* the right to open a Lodge in the absence of the Master, if a past Master be present, much less to preside and conduct those sacred and solemn ceremonies which the regulations and customs of the Fraternity assign to Past Masters, and further, that the present custom of some Grand Lodge jurisdictions in giving the Wardens the right to preside and confer degrees, is an innovation and a departure from ancient usages. The great length (12 pages) of this report prevents our copying it entire, and any summary we could make would be a very unsatisfactory abstract of it. We only remark that the doctrine is new to us, and in opposition to what we had supposed the common consent of Masonic jurists, and general usage. The writer of this, many years ago, when a Warden of a Lodge acted as Master for nearly a year, (the Master having removed from the jurisdiction,) and that, too, with the advice and consent of old Past Masters and members of a former generation.

At the election, Daniel O. Goodwin seems to have been elected Grand Master, the Grand Secretary (William S. Hayes) was re-elected, but declined to serve, and no one seems to have been elected in his place, but on page 63 we find "address of the Grand Master John R. McFee, Georgetown," "address of the Grand Secretary, William S. Hayes, Wilmington."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from December 27th, 1858, to December 27th, 1859.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. G. A. Schwarzman, reported that the returns from all the Lodges had been received, which exhibit great prosperity in their jurisdiction.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, to whom was referred the question as to the power of subordinate Lodges to inflict the punishment of suspension upon their members for the non-payment of dues, made an elaborate and able report. They are impressed with the importance and fully recognize the difficulties which have surrounded the subject. They remark, that until a comparatively late period, no such bodies as distinct chartered subordinate Lodges were known; the requisite number of brethren convened together at any one time, had full and ample power to make Masons without any warrant of constitution, and those made, became members of the fraternity generally, and assumed the duties and responsibilities common to the whole body of Masons. In the discharge of these duties they were not bound to discriminate in favor of any member, or any association of members. This continued until 1717, when distinct Lodges were chartered. This glance at a portion of our Masonic history enables them to recognize a distinction, and a plain and palpable one, between the responsibilities assumed by the individual Brother to *Free Masonry* on the one hand, and to the *Lodge* on the other. Of those rights due to him in his general character of a Mason he cannot be deprived, except for immoral conduct, or violation of duty as a member of the fraternity. His relations to the craft at large cannot be suspended, nor can he be exposed to the detestation and contempt of the brethren generally, except for the commission of some Masonic crime, known and recognized by the common law of the Order. They then enquire whether the payment of Lodge dues is an intrinsic, essential, and original part of Free Masonry. They say the payment of dues is of modern origin, in fact, within the recollection of many of our older brethren, and cannot be regarded as an essential part of Masonry, but merely one of those responsibilities which the individual Brother assumes towards his own Lodge alone. They then answer several objections which have been urged against the view here taken, and arrive at the following conclusions:

1. That suspension, in Masonic parlance, is from all the privileges of Masonry, and cannot be otherwise construed without a change in the established rules of the fraternity, and in no case should this punishment be inflicted for non-payment of dues.
2. That sentence of "exclusion" may be pronounced against a Brother for non-payment of dues under the operation of the by-laws of a Lodge, upon a report of the facts by the Secretary, and a vote of the Lodge.
3. That this punishment should exclude the Brother from visiting his Lodge, and shall prevent his receiving a diploma or dinit, and during his exclusion his name shall be dropped from the roll of members.

This report, signed by the W. Masters of eleven Lodges, (being a convention of more than usual ability,) was adopted, and steps were taken to amend their constitution to accord with the principles therein laid down, and forbidding their Lodges to inflict any higher punishment for non-payment of dues than *exclusion* from membership in the particular Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which Bro. J. Schwarzman is chairman, made a report of 47 pages, reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, our own included, "not entering into discussions, but giving a fair abstract."

M. W. G. O. Whitney, Grand Master, and R. W. G. A. Schwarzman, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

GEORGIA.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in the city of Macon, on the 26th October, 1859, W. S. Rockwell, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, who announced himself gratified at the continued prosperity of the Order within their limits, and of the unbroken harmony which now reigns among all the Grand Lodges of the Union.

He decided that an applicant with a stiff arm could not be initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through their chairman, Dickson H. Walker, presented a report, briefly noticing the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, our own among the number.

At this communication there were 229 chartered Lodges and six U. D., which were then chartered.

Their proceedings show a large amount of business done, principally of a local character.

M. W. William S. Rockwell, Grand Master, and R. W. Simri Rose, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

ILLINOIS.

The annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held at Springfield in October last, M. W. Ira A. W. Buck presiding. He issued during the year twenty-six dispensations for new Lodges; the number is 328, not including those U. D., of which 211 were represented. The Grand Master delivered a short address. He thinks now, as he said last year, that they are growing too fast; he denounces intemperance, whose hideous form he has occasionally met among the craft. Last year he recommended the amendment of the by-laws so as to require a ballot for each degree; further observation and experience has convinced him more and more of its absolute necessity.

Among the amendments of the by-laws, which lie over one year, was one providing for the fee of \$100 for a dispensation for a new Lodge in any place of less than three thousand inhabitants having one Lodge, or in any place of less than seven thousand inhabitants having two Lodges, or in any place of thirteen thousand inhabitants having three Lodges.

Much business of a local character, involving great labor on the part of the several committees, was transacted.

They re-elected M. W. Ira A. W. Buck, Grand Master, and H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in May, 1860. They had then 268 chartered Lodges, and during the year the Grand Master had issued dispensations for thirteen new ones, most of which were chartered.

Grand Master A. C. Downey presided. He reported that he had caused a suitable inscription to be placed upon the tomb of Austin W. Morris, deceased, who had for a long time been their faithful, efficient, and respected Grand Secretary. Their progress, he says, the past year, compares favorably with other years.

Occasionally he found a motion is made to surrender the charter of a Lodge, in consequence of some temporary excitement, without any previous notice to the members of the Lodge, and he had adopted the rule, when a surrender of the charter had been voted under such circumstances, to refuse to accept it. When previous notice had been given, and a surrender voted by a majority of the members, it had been his practice to accept the surrendered charter, acting on the supposition that this, like other questions, might be decided by a majority of the members, but on reflection he is not certain that in this he is right, and suggests that there certainly is some reason for saying that so long as a constitutional number of members desire to retain the charter, and to continue to work under it, that they have the right to do so. The subject was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who concurred with the Grand Master in his opinion, viz. : that so long as a constitutional number of members wish to retain their charter and continue to work, they have a right to do so, although a majority have voted to surrender it.

A difference of opinion and practice having prevailed in regard to the report of a Committee on Character when unfavorable, regarding it as a finality and rejection of the candidate, it was decided by declaring that nothing but a regular ballot can reject a candidate ; therefore the ballot must be spread. They declared that unless Master Masons, members of Lodges, were competent to confer the three degrees in Masonry, with the lectures appertaining to them, they should be ineligible to the offices of Master, or Senior or Junior Wardens.

They ordered that subordinate Lodges be left free to take such action in regard to Masonic burial, and conferring acts of charity upon non-affiliated Masons, as they in their judgment may determine ; also to admit them into processions, or not, at their pleasure.

Grand Master A. O. Downey, and Grand Secretary Francis King, were both re-elected ; the salary of the latter was unanimously raised from \$300 to \$700 per annum.

IOWA.

This Grand Lodge met in annual communication at Burlington in June, 1860, M. W. J. R. Harstock, Grand Master, presiding. He remarks that they have met at the birth place of Masonry in Iowa, where nearly twenty years ago was first opened the great light in a regular Lodge in the State ; they now number one hundred and fifty Lodges, and a membership of five thousand. With regard to uniformity of work, he says, there has been considerable approximation to it. The Grand Lodge reiterated its unalterable adherence to the Webb work. Bros. Rob. Morris, and Sam. Willson, Grand Lecturer of Vermont, exemplified the work before them. Fourteen dispensations were issued during the year for new Lodges.

A special committee, appointed at the previous session, made an elaborate report in relation to "non-affiliation," in which they take the ground, that as a candidate comes of his own free will and accord, and as he is required to be a free man, that to establish a rule to compel him to remain affiliated against his will, would deprive him of freedom and make him a *bond man* after initiation. They add, that as compulsory Masonry can find no justification in ancient law or usage, neither can it in reason or common sense, and therefore cannot be tolerated. The report after mature deliberation was adopted.

During the year the Grand Master had removed several officers of the Grand Lodge from their several positions in their respective Lodges, under the seventeenth article of Anderson's Constitution, which declares that "No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Treasurer or Secretary, can at the same time be the Master or Warden of a particular Lodge." This action brought before the Grand Lodge the question of the force of the XXXIX regulations, and an elaborate report from the majority of the special committee, to whom the subject was referred, took the ground that those general regulations constitute a part of the written law of Masonry, and are binding upon the craft everywhere so far as applicable, until repealed or modified by local regulation. The minority of committee reported, that the XXXIX articles of general regulations never having been adopted by their Grand Lodge, are not, and at no time have been, in force in their jurisdiction.

These reports gave rise to much discussion, which resulted in the adoption of the report of the minority, and consequently the removed officers were re-instated in their several subordinate Lodge offices.

The question was asked, "has a member of a Lodge a right to object to the reception of a candidate, or the advancement of a Brother, after a favorable ballot has been taken, and before the conferring of a degree upon him?" To this question an affirmative answer was unhesitatingly returned, it having been so well settled by the almost universal practice of the craft, and the united opinion of eminent men, that it may be regarded as one of the leading axioms of the Order, and they regard the maintenance of this principle as of vital importance to every Lodge, to guard against fraud and surprise in the reception or advancement of candidates.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence make an able report of forty-one pages, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Lodges, our own among the number; it is from the indefatigable pen of R. W. J. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Thomas H. Benton was elected Grand Master, and T. S. Parvin was re-elected Grand Secretary, from whom we have received a circular that his address is now Iowa City, where he has removed to enter upon the duties to which he has been called, as Professor of Natural History in the State University.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in October, 1859, M. W. Rob. Morris presiding. He complains of the disposition to establish new Lodges within a few miles of existing ones; that many of the old ones are in a dying state, he admits, and thinks it would be better for zealous brethren to affiliate with these and infuse new blood into them, and thus obviate the necessity of establishing new Lodges, to the certain death of those old ones.

Complaints having reached him of a Master of a Lodge holding and promulgating views on religious subjects, not in accordance with Masonic teachings, or those professed in his installation covenant, a correspondence ensued, in which the Master alluded to declared that he considers the Bible only as a good sort of history, not sacred, still less divine, and that an obligation taken upon it is only binding because the law of the land makes it so. He replied that he had studied Masonry to little purpose, if this is a true Masonic theory relative to

the Holy Scriptures. He says he has conferred with thousands of the craft in every section of the common country to little profit, if this is what is taught in Masonic rites relative to the Word of God, and adds, that he has devoted his tongue and pen for many years to the dissemination of Masonry through error, mist and cloud, if the Masonic attachment to the Holy Bible has no closer intimacy than this. He at once deposed the Master from office until the will of the Grand Lodge should be announced in the case.

The question was referred to a special committee, when the question arose whether the Grand Master has the power to depose from office only for improprieties in official conduct, or whether his power is unlimited, but controlled by the spirit of prudence, justice and forbearance, which Masonry inculcates; this latter the committee believed to be the truth.

They further reported, that the Brother had written a letter explaining his statement in reference to the Bible, so as very materially to lessen its offensiveness, and they conclude by offering resolutions sustaining the action of the Grand Master, and in view of his explanatory letter, restoring him to all the rights and privileges as Master of the Lodge. The last resolution was amended by substituting the words, "That without expressing any opinion as to the matters discussed in the report of the committee," for the words, "in view of his explanatory letter, &c.," and adopted.

We can, of course, have no objection to the exercise of the broadest charity towards an erring Brother; at the same time we confess to some surprise, that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky should have avoided the main question, and based their action in this case on a side issue. If they had disagreed with Grand Master Morris, in his views of the Holy Scriptures, and the close intimacy existing between them and Masonry, they would assuredly have disclaimed his sentiments: but in a vital point like this, is it well to leave our real views to be gathered inferentially, rather than declare them openly? Our own Grand Lodge adopted the latter course.

The Grand Master, speaking of the work and lectures in his jurisdiction, says, he had been aware ever since his arrival in Kentucky, in 1851, that great diversity existed, but during his official term as Grand Master, he had discovered that these discrepancies are in some instances startling and enormous; he therefore set himself resolutely to work to see that the Lodges worked uniformly and according to the ancient system, and established in Louisville weekly meetings of a *School of Instruction*, to which all the Lodges, in his and other States, were invited to send delegates to a two weeks' session of the school. The work and lectures taught were literally those of Thomas French Webb, of the authority of which no doubt remains on his mind, having tested them in so many ways, and Bro. Elisha D. Cook, one of his deputy lecturers, has repeatedly given these lectures, and performed this work as he learned it from him in the Lodges of Scotland, where they have made no changes in their work for seventy years, and the Scotch brethren declare it to be almost literally the same that they practice. Your committee said last year in speaking of the Webb work, that their chairman had compared the work and lectures, as practiced in Michigan, with those of Webb, and were gratified at finding but few differences, and those mainly consisting of synonymous words and phrases.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a lengthy document of ninety-two pages of small type, from the able and indefatigable pen

of Bro. McCorkle, Grand Secretary, elaborately reviewing the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, courteously speaking of ours among the number.

It was declared, that the payment of the amount due at the date of his suspension, reinstates a member suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Webb work and lectures were formally adopted and recommended to their Lodges in the report of a committee, who diligently investigated their claims, and earnestly approved of a speedy return to them.

The proceedings show that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky have abundance of work, which they dispatch without being appalled by the great labor involved in the adjustment of the many subjects which annually come before them from their 308 Lodges.

Harvey J. Wilson was elected Grand Master, and John S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary, was re-elected.

KANSAS.

The annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Lawrence in October, 1859, twelve Lodges being represented. Eleven dispensations for new Lodges were granted during the year; of these Auraria Lodge is located within the newly discovered gold regions of the West, and literally amid the highest hills and lowest vales.

Grand Master Rees fears that the "morbid propensity for becoming editors which now prevails, and the fearful increase of Masonic publications, hungry for matter as they must become," will kill brotherly love, and cause strife to assume the holy place of unity, and break our beloved Order into parties and factions.

There were 17 initiations during the year; the total membership is now 428.

Grand Master Richard R. Rees, and Grand Secretary Charles Munde, were each re-elected.

Since the above was in type, the proceedings at their annual meeting in the city of Atchison, in October, 1860, have been received, but, for want of time, we cannot do more than acknowledge the receipt, and say that Bro. George H. Fairchild was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Charles Munde was re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in February, 1860, at New Orleans, M. W. Samuel Todd, Grand Master, presiding, who announces, that by the blessing of our Supreme Grand Master, Masonry in Louisiana is in a highly prosperous condition. Its beneficent principles, and the happy results for which it is conspicuous, are drawing large numbers into the field.

Among his decisions, all of which were sustained by the Grand Lodge, are the following: that no one can be admitted to a participation of our mysteries, even after undergoing the ordeal of the ballot, so long as a Brother of the Lodge objects to him as unworthy. If, however, the candidate has received his first degree, and has been elected to receive his second, he cannot be stopped except by having charges preferred against him. That every Mason possesses the right to object to the introduction of a candidate into a Lodge, (after a clear ballot we infer,) but he should make known the reason of such objec-

tion, when it would be the duty of the Lodge to consider and weigh the objection carefully, and if deemed valid, exclude the candidate, until fully satisfied of his worthiness.

That as a general principle, every Mason in good standing has the right to dimitt from his Lodge, should he desire to do so.

That it is contrary to the voluntary character of our institution to compel a Brother to accept an office which he felt unwilling to hold or unable to fulfill the duties of; for, although it is a well settled principle in Masonry that no Brother should seek office or decline one, without good and sufficient reasons, yet if the Brother elected to office feels himself incapable of performing its duties, he would be acting properly and Masonically in declining to serve.

Brother J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own among the number, and in not giving to each a particular notice, he disclaims any intention to show disrespect to sister Grand Lodges.

The report is principally made up of a learned treatise on the power, rights, and duties of Grand Lodges and Grand Masters, the rights of Lodges and their relation to Grand Lodges, their mode of existence and work, the rights and duties of Masons, which your committee have read with profit, but despairing of conveying any idea of the scope of the argument in a summary, and its length preventing our copying it entire, we reluctantly abandon the attempt.

Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 reports that nothing has occurred during the last twelve months to call for special notice, that the same general plan has been pursued, viz.: to furnish relief to a sick Brother, to bury the dead, and to relieve those widows and orphans among them whose antecedents they know. Thanks to a kind Providence, they were visited with no epidemic last summer, and have been enabled not only to relieve the wants of all worthy applicants, but also to liquidate all claims against the Lodge.

If all the Grand Lodges, they say, would publish the list of members of their subordinate Lodges, it would save much time and trouble to the officers of Relief Lodge in detecting imposters and unworthy applicants, as they generally hail from those jurisdictions which do not publish such lists.

Their disbursements for the year 1859 was \$3,018.86, including payment of old liabilities, of which \$536 was to Masons' widows and orphans of their own State, and \$1,546.61 to those of other jurisdictions.

A petition was received from a Mason who was under sentence of indefinite suspension from a Lodge which had afterwards surrendered its charter, asking to be reinstated; the application was decided to be informal, and he was directed to seek relief from the Lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides.

It was stated that no objection existed to the trial of a Brother actually suspended for another offence than the one for which the suspension was decreed.

There are now under their jurisdiction 106 chartered Lodges and 5 U. D., with a total membership of 4,661.

Brother J. Q. A. Fellows was elected Grand Master, and Samuel G. Risk re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in May, 1860, M. W. Hiram Chase presiding, who says, during the year which has just past, they

have been favored with more than ordinary success; large accessions have been made to their members, renewed efforts have been put forth, and new Lodges have been quickened into life, where but one year since the sound of the gavel was unheard. During the year he granted seven dispensations for new Lodges. They occupied an afternoon and evening in exemplifying the work.

A Committee appointed at the previous session on the subject of a standard Text Book, presented an elaborate report; they examined and compared Webb's Monitor, Cross' Chart, C. W. Moore's Masonic Trestle Board, Stewart's Free Mason's Manual, the Text Book by John Dove, and Moore's Craftsman, and believing that the ritual of Webb, as published within a few years past, more nearly accords with their system of lectures and work than any other Text Book extant, and the Text and Ritual of Webb having the prestige of antiquity and the sanction of the past, they recommend, and the Grand Lodge adopted, the edition of Webb's Monitor published in 1816, or a transcript of it, as the Text Book of the Jurisdiction.

Among other reports of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, it was decided that a Brother who has not been elected a Master or Warden, cannot confer the degrees in Masonry, but the Master of a Lodge, himself presiding may call upon a Brother to assist him in conferring the degree, the Master retaining his official position in the East.

That an expelled Mason can be reinstated by an unanimous vote of the members of the Lodge who are present when his petition to be restored is acted upon in the Lodge by which he was expelled.

That neither the accused or accuser have the right to vote, and neither should be present when the vote is taken.

The same Committee also reported that any member of the Lodge was eligible to the chair; that it is not a necessary requisite that he should serve an apprenticeship as Warden; which report the Grand Lodge refused to adopt by a vote of 84 to 102.

This Grand Lodge has since the year 1856 been in controversy with the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, owing to the violation of their jurisdiction by Union Lodge 866, located at St. Stephens, New Brunswick, in initiating persons residing in Maine. In a courteous letter to the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of England, they allege as well their exclusive jurisdiction of residents of their jurisdiction, as a positive agreement between the border Lodges to abstain from the initiating by either, of residents of the jurisdiction of the other.

To this the M. W. Grand Master of England replies in substance, that if a Lodge has made such an agreement it ought to abide by it, but asserts the abstract right of a Lodge to initiate any person whom it may consider fit and proper, without considering where his residence may be, and further intimates that it is not desirable nor convenient that a Lodge should bind itself to confine its initiations to residents of its own immediate vicinity.

With such views of the subject, and such public expression of them by the highest officer of the Order, and the Lodges of New Brunswick acting upon them, we do not wonder at the earnest protest of our Brethren of Maine against the encroachment of their privileges, which are distinctly recognized by every Masonic authority in this country; and if not conceded as a matter of right by the Grand Master of England, we should suppose that as a matter of pol-

icy he would prohibit his New Brunswick Lodges from continuing their practice. If the unity and catholic spirit of the institution is worth maintaining, he ought to reflect that this course will not only produce unfriendly feelings between neighbors, but also tend to weaken the bonds of universal brotherhood among Masons.

Josiah H. Drummond was elected Grand Master, and Ira Berry re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

From this Grand Lodge we are in receipt of two large pamphlets, containing their proceedings at their annual meeting in November, 1859, and of their semi-annual communication in May, 1860.

At the annual meeting they transacted a good deal of business of a local character. Brother J. N. McJilton presented the report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 15 Grand Lodges, and extending over 256 pages.

Brother Anthony Kimmel was elected Grand Master, and Brother Joseph Robinson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

At the annual meeting in May last, M. W. A. Kimmel says, he has great reason to hope that the brethren generally of their jurisdiction are in search of increasing light; inquiries are much more frequently made than formerly for the ancient landmarks, constitutions, and charges, and through their agencies their Brethren have become more enlightened and more familiar with the laws and usages of the "Order," and the better able to discharge their duties with honor and gratification to themselves, and credit and profit to the craft.

He thinks there can be no doubt that the portals of many of their subordinate Lodges, and those of sister jurisdictions, have been too freely opened to the admission of those who have knocked thereat, by which means those have been permitted to pass who, having neither the desire nor ability to perform the labor of true and faithful workmen, hence became drones in the hive. The remedy he suggests is, that proper inquiries be made as to who the person may be who applies for admission, and what are his abilities and standing in the community; and he holds that the applicant should be possessed of the positive qualifications of intelligence, integrity, and persevering industry, in addition to the *Masonic essentials*; that the possession of negative qualifications is not sufficient to allow him to become a candidate for the privileges and benefits of Free Masonry.

The Grand Inspectors of the city of Baltimore reported with regret that the attendance upon the Lodge meetings generally is very small. They also notice that a great want of respect to the Masters of Lodges exists, which they do not attribute to any intentional neglect on the part of members, but rather to a relaxed method of government on the part of the Worshipful Masters themselves; they add, that perhaps it would be better to elect a Master for a year, instead of for six months as they now do.

Brother the Rev. J. N. McJilton presented as usual a very elaborate report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing at length the proceedings of 16 Grand Lodges, our own among the number. The report covers 314 pages.

In the review of Michigan they speak of the last address of Grand Master

Allen, as not only an embodiment of numerous business relations, but an instructive record of Masonic sentiments and views, which must be effective wherever they may be read.

Speaking of the Baltimore or Barney Work, they think the irregularity and want of definiteness alluded to by Grand Master Allen must have been introduced after the work was illustrated and given out by Brother Barney.

Grand Master Allen decided that a Lodge cannot ballot to confer the second or third degree at a *called* communication; they notice this with approval, but add, "the first degree ought to be included." We reply, our constitution expressly forbids it, and the Grand Master was deciding only with respect to the second and third, with regard to which different opinions were held among the Lodges; there never has been any question among us as to the first.

After elaborately reviewing our proceedings they add, that their interview with their Michigan Brethren has been of a very agreeable character; of our report on foreign correspondence, they say it is clear and to the point, and the Masonic sentiments well expressed.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from March 8th to December 27th, 1859, being its 126th Anniversary. They hold quarterly communications. In view of the purchase of real estate for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, Grand Master Heard announced that he had, with the advice and co-operation of other Grand officers and members, obtained of the Legislature an Act of Incorporation, authorizing the Grand Master to hold real estate to the value of two hundred thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding fifty thousand dollars. The death of their beloved Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Wm. Flint, was announced in suitable terms, and appropriate resolutions of condolence and sympathy were passed.

They devoted a day to the exemplification of the work and lectures by the Grand Lecturers in the three degrees.

At the annual meeting in December, 1859, Grand Master Heard delivered his annual address, a business-like document, devoted to a report of his official acts, and the prospects of Masonry in the jurisdiction. He gives a statement of the number of initiations for the past three years, and compares these accessions with the increase of the membership of the Lodges, and remarks, that while they have initiated 3,231 persons, the membership has increased only 2,153, making the difference 1,078. After allowing for deaths and removals beyond their borders, there still remains a large number of initiates who have not connected themselves with Lodges as members. He enquires why is this so? Is the fault theirs or ours? And suggests, whether it may not be owing to their requiring of them to fraternize with those who stand in bad repute in general society, and he gives it as his opinion that ninth-tenths of the non-affiliation complained of so generally in the United States, are occasioned by the unworthiness of so many members, whose presence repels that of better men, to the great injury of the institution.

Reports were received from the twelve District Deputies, who all say that prosperity and harmony prevail, and speak cheerfully of the conservative principles of the Order, when contrasted with the intensified state of every subject

of thought in the community. We are pleased to learn that a majority of the Lodges continue the weekly meetings for instruction ; such a course tends inevitably to raise the standard of the Order in any community.

R. W. Winslow Lewis, M. D., of Boston, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Charles W. Moore was re-elected R. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at St. Paul, in October, 1859. Grand Master Pierson refrains from making any recommendations requiring legislation at this time, not because he believes their workings perfect, but as harmony exists in and between all their Lodges, and it being desirable to make the session as short as possible, he proposes that the only legislation shall be such as may naturally arise ; the suggestion was acted upon by the Grand Lodge, and they had a short and harmonious session of two days. Three dispensations were issued during the year for new Lodges, two of which were chartered at the session, the other preferring to remain U. D. for another year.

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks made a report recommending that the general regulations of the Grand Lodge be amended, by striking out of the section defining the members the words " Past Masters," restricting membership in their Grand body to Past Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges (or their proxies).

It was proposed to forbid non-affiliated Masons from visiting any Lodge outside the jurisdiction where they reside, and restricting their visits to that to three times, upon their Masonic assurance that they are desirous of becoming members of it ; which was amended by forbidding resident non-affiliated Masons visiting any Lodge after six months' residence in the jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. Prescott, as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, makes an able and lengthy report, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Lodges, our own among the number. We remarked in 1859 upon Grand Master Pearson's statement that uniformity of words under all circumstances, in the work of a Lodge, was not desirable, that " with such an individual choice of synonymous words and phrases, we should fear that in process of time, (and that too perhaps not long in the future,) the original work and lectures would be difficult of recognition." To this Bro. Pierson replies, that Bro. Scott, of Iowa, has so well answered our strictures, that he copies it in preference to his own. Bro. Scott says, it may reasonably be presumed that Bro. Fenton has misapprehended the drift of Bro. Pierson's remarks. He agrees with those who permit no variation in so much of the Masonic ritual as appertains to the *recognition of a Mason*. " Let that be uniform," he says, " and, as far as practicable, let all whose business it is to dispense light therein, be ' letter perfect.' " In all else, and particularly in those portions styled monitorial, historical, or philosophical, let the intelligent Master instruct the neophyte according to his own abilities, and the tastes, habits, and capacities of the material in his hands."

Perhaps we have misapprehended the drift of the argument, and if so, we would not continue a discussion on points not precisely laid down ; all we intended to urge was the propriety of the *Text* being given literally and verbally.

In the comments we have no objection to different language and phrases; any other course our experience has taught us leads to the result indicated in our former report.

M. W. A. T. C. Pierson, and R. W. Geo. H. Prescott, were each re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively.

MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in January, 1860, Grand Master W. P. Mellen presiding, who says the Fraternity in Mississippi have cause for rejoicing in both their individual and associate characters, for their personal and Masonic interests have alike been blessed. He thinks all danger to our institution is to be found in the interior of the Lodge: that it is not the Anti-mason who places our temple in jeopardy; our walls can stand the assaults of the foe, but not the undermining of our own people, who would give a character and a mission to Free Masonry unknown to our ancient brethren, and would introduce with their new doctrines, new organizations and new forms of government.

The question was asked, whether a Lodge has the right to transfer the trial of a Brother to a neighboring Lodge, with the consent of the accused? and is there any obligation upon the neighboring Lodge to try the case?

The reply was, that the Lodge has the right with the consent of the accused; that the neighboring Lodge is under no legal obligation to try the case, but that Masonic courtesy will cause it to entertain the trial.

It was also decided that a member suspended for non-payment of dues may be brought to trial for unmasonic conduct.

They declared that the practice which has obtained both in general and subordinate Lodges, of installing officers by proxy, is an evil, and is useless, if not dangerous, and should be discontinued.

A great deal of business was disposed of, of a purely local character, requiring patience in hearing and judiciousness in determining, and their proceedings show that their session was a laborious one, but that their duties were fulfilled in the true Masonic spirit.

D. Mitchell was elected Grand Master, and R. W. T. Daniel was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication at St. Louis, in May, 1860. M. W. Marcus Boyd, G. M., being unable to attend, the session was opened and presided over by R. W. M. H. McFarland, D. G. M.

The Grand Master in his Address, which was read before the Grand Lodge, reports a healthy state and harmonious action of the Lodges under their charge, but that such had not been the case all the time during the past year; at the last Grand Lodge it was determined to close the Masonic college at Lexington, *et cetera*; this determination excited some of the Brethren and aroused the Masonic feelings to such an extent as to force them to undertake the task of causing the Grand Lodge to retrace her steps. A convention of Master Masons was called to consider this action; a circular was issued from twenty-nine Brethren, protesting against the action of the Grand Lodge; upon the receipt of

the address of the Committee appointed by the Convention at Lexington, the Grand Master issued an order to the subordinate Lodges requiring them to abstain from any participation in said proposed Convention at Lexington, characterizing the same as irregular and unmasonic. He then asks the Grand Lodge what has become of their power if a few Masons in Grand Lodge failing to accomplish what they may desire, have the right to protest against the action of the Grand Lodge, and to appeal to the subordinate Lodges by calling a convention to discuss, condemn, denounce, and repudiate the action of the Grand Lodge. The special Com. to whom the subject was referred relieve the conventionists from the imputation of being intentionally guilty of unmasonic conduct, but confidently express the opinion that the whole proceeding was improper, uncalled for, and calculated to produce mischief only, and fully sustain the action of the Grand Master in the premises.

Their proceedings and decisions were all made on local subjects and based upon their local law. We notice the M. W. Grand Master decided that Lodges U. D. may admit worthy Master Masons to membership in the usual way.

Bro. M. H. McFarland was elected Grand Master, and Bro. A. O. Sullivan was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

With a representation from each of their six Lodges, the annual communication was held in June, 1860, at Brownsville.

M. W. Robert C. Jordan, Grand Master, being unable to attend the session his address was read by the Grand Secretary, in which he says: In addition to financial troubles during the period mentioned, (when times were prosperous and good,) the great gold discovery was made West of them, and a large number of their members having suffered severely from the effects of the crisis, and being possessed with a spirit of adventure, concluded to seek fortune's favors and smiles in the newly discovered gold mines. All of the six Lodges have suffered greatly from this cause, and in some instances leaving barely enough to perform the duties of the Lodge.

The receipt of our proceedings for last year is courteously acknowledged.

Bro. George Armstrong was elected Grand Master, and R. W. R. W. Furnas re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in June, 1860, at Concord, with a representation from forty-one Lodges.

G. M. Paul was prevented from being personally present, owing to "long protracted and still continued illness." Among his official acts he reports having issued dispensations for two new Lodges. His address is short and pertinent, detailing facts, and omitting rhetoric. It was his intention, he says, if he could have been present at their meeting in December last, to have introduced, so far as was practicable, the ancient work and lectures of Thomas S. Webb, with the hope that they would have been adopted by the Grand Lodge, for the sake of harmony and uniformity in their ritual; and the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge.

We regret to learn from the Report on Foreign Correspondence that a copy of our proceedings of last year failed to reach them. We can assure our brethren of New Hampshire that they were duly mailed from here.

We here would acknowledge our obligations to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, for the presentation of a bound volume of their proceedings from July 8, 5789, to June 8, 5841, inclusive, and we can truly say in the words of Grand Master Chase, the book is beautifully gotten up, attractive in its appearance, and is a credit to their Grand Lodge, by whose order it was prepared, as well as to Grand Secretary Chase, who compiled it, showing his ability to make a handsome book as well as a good record.

Bro. Aaron P. Hughes was elected Grand Master, and Hon. Horace Chase was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Lodge held its seventy-third annual communication at Trenton, in January, 1860, Joseph Trimble, Grand Master, presiding, who reports with satisfaction that Masonry is making a steady and mostly a healthy progress throughout the State, and that the Order is increasing not only in numbers, but in the Masonic value of the different Lodges and the members composing them. He speaks encouragingly of the Lodges working together without confusion, so that a Lodge can call upon a sister Lodge for assistance, when required, without fear that in so doing, they may possibly suffer from inability to act together; this he attributes to the different Lodges receiving their instruction from one person only. He remarks, that it is essentially necessary that the officers and members of all Lodges understand their esoteric duties, but at the same time he cautions that the exoteric should not be neglected; otherwise the spirit of Masonry may be lost by attending altogether to the letter, and thus the institution which is intended to promote and encourage the growth of all that is good within us, may degenerate into a profession without practice, either bringing forth no fruit or producing evil.

Bro. Joseph H. Hough presented a lengthy report on Foreign Correspondence, ably reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own among the number.

Their proceedings, occupied almost entirely with subjects of a local character, show that the interests of the Order in the State are well cared for by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Isaac Van Waggoner was elected Grand Master, and Joseph H. Hough was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

M. W. John L. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master, called this Grand Lodge to labor on June 5th, 1860, at the City of New York, and reports, that the quiet and harmony which pervade the jurisdiction, have left them little else than the transaction of routine business; and so thoroughly and efficiently have the important questions, which have heretofore pressed upon the attention of Masons, been discussed, and so judicious has been the disposition, that they scarcely require more than passing attention. Cheering, indeed, he adds, is the prospect before our fraternity, not only in the State of New York, but through our

whole country and throughout the world. Their Grand Lodge, from its natural increase, has become too unwieldy for the prompt and easy dispatch of business, and in view of this he suggests, that while bearing in mind that an attendance of each of the Masters and Wardens brings them all closer together and cements the relations of brotherly love, it is not to be denied that a smaller body would be more efficient. The obstacle to be encountered is the landmark, which makes these officers members of the Grand Lodge as representatives of their respective Lodges. Of this right no legislation would deprive them, but he suggests, that it may be voluntarily waived and a system of district or other aggregate representation substituted. He throws out the thought for the sober reflection of the Fraternity the coming year, that they may be prepared to act hereafter intelligently and harmoniously.

R. W. Ellicott Evans presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who says, in view of a report which he had prepared being so voluminous that it would have been beyond the bounds of all reason to have forced it upon the Grand Lodge, he had cut down the report of the proceedings of the other Grand Lodges to the barest statement of facts which could have an interest to the Fraternity, and to embody in another branch an abstract of the principal decisions made by different Grand Bodies under the head of jurisprudence. His report thus abbreviated covers 35 pages.

The controversy with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg still continues; Hamburg still persisting in invading the jurisdiction of New York by continuing their charter to Pythagoras Lodge in the city of New York, which is still further embittered by Hamburg *acknowledging colored brethren*. To counteract these positions New York has issued a circular letter, addressed to the M. W. Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of North and South America and Europe. We have heretofore expressed our sympathy with the position of our brethren of New York, and we again renew our protest against the unwarrantable interference of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

The question was asked, when a ballot on a candidate has been passed and submitted to the Wardens and Master, has the Master a right, by vote of the Lodge or otherwise, to adjourn the balloting to a subsequent meeting; and also, if found that he has the absolute right so to do, is it expedient? The Committee on the condition of Masonry replied that they are clearly of opinion that neither the Master nor the Lodge possess any such power. It would be grossly improper to exercise such power, even did they technically possess any such; it would inevitably lead to abuses which would effectually impair, if not destroy, all fraternal feeling in the Lodge. With respect to the practice of using the emblems of the Fraternity upon business cards, they characterize it as injurious in its effects, and hope that the disapproval of the Grand Lodge will tend to discontinue the practice.

The constitution was so amended as to permit Lodges to strike from their roll of members those in arrears for one year's dues, and releasing the Lodge so doing from liability to the Grand Lodge for such dues; a two-third's vote of the Lodge will restore a Brother so dealt with, who otherwise occupies the position of a non-affiliated Mason. Lodges are forbidden to censure, suspend or expel for non-payment of dues alone.

They require Committees appointed to investigate the character and qualifications of applicants for membership, to have full proof that the Brother

so applying is non-affiliated and in good standing, before they make a favorable report, and that for neglect of duty in this particular, they declare them liable to discipline.

John W. Simons was elected Grand Master, and James A. Austin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Raleigh, on the 5th December, 1859, Grand Master Martin presiding. In his opening address he made some very interesting reflections upon some of the prominent characteristics of our institution, and gave some cogent reasons why we should feel for it a profound veneration; our limits forbid quotations from it at length, and a summary of his remarks would not do justice to his eloquence. He speaks of continually increasing prosperity, and the Grand Lecturer for the State at large remarks, that there never has been a greater degree of zeal or a more ardent desire for knowledge evinced among the brethren, than at present. Much time was occupied with the affairs of St. John's College, an institution originated and sustained by their Grand Lodge. They are now making every effort to place the property unencumbered in the possession and under the full and entire control of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, speaking of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges which have passed under their review, remark, that to a great extent they overflow with discussions for and against new tests, innovations in general, and non-affiliation. As to affiliation, they say the necessity has never, until of recent date, been insisted upon. They admit that Masons ought to belong to a Lodge, and that Lodges ought to admit members; so far, then, as obligations go, the Lodge and the individual stand upon a par, for certainly the obligation to join implies an obligation to admit. They ask, how can a man enter when the door is shut against him? Besides, the condition of both Lodge and Mason must be such as to oppose no barrier; this is not always the case; both individual and Lodge, or either, may be in offensive condition—the individual, of course, is then to suffer: like the wife of a drunken husband, who was to be whipped whether she sat up and burnt the candle or went to bed—so with him, punishment in either dilemma would be his doom. In a word, the man voluntarily seeks the degrees of Masonry, the Lodge voluntarily confers them; the one pays his money, the other gives an equivalent. Neither at this stage or any other has it been intimated to him that he has been duped, unless he avail himself of membership; true, it may be proffered him, but the voluntary principle still remains unchanged.

Bro. Lewis S. Williams was elected Grand Master, and W. T. Bain was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The proceedings of the annual communication of this Grand Lodge, held in the city of Columbus, on the 10th of October, 1860, came to hand yesterday. We rejoice with our brethren of Ohio on the condition of the craft within their jurisdiction, as reported by Grand Master Stokes, who says: An unusual degree of harmony and brotherly love, and consequent prosperity, have prevailed

among the subordinates of this jurisdiction, during the year just closed, and few notes of discord have disturbed the brethren in their earnest and zealous labors to exemplify and disseminate the tenets and cardinal virtues of our Order. "We, therefore, come together at this, our annual jubilee, with every thing to cheer and encourage us in our efforts to promote the interests of our beloved Masonry, and to incite us to double diligence in our great mission of brotherly love, relief and truth."

They refused to instruct their subordinate Lodges to expel all non-affiliated Masons in their separate jurisdictions, unless they affiliate and pay up their dues.

They also refused to enact that one month shall intervene between conferring each degree.

With respect to "side degrees," so called, they declare, if these so called or miscalled side degrees pertain to Masonry, they are properly under the supervision of the Grand Lodge; if they do not belong to Masonry, (and they are certainly no portion of it,) they should not be brought into our Lodge rooms or in any manner attached to or connected with Masonry. But that it was not for conferring these so called "side degrees," but for conferring them in connection with, or as appendages, that the Grand Lodge [heretofore] interposed its prohibition.

Your Committee find much to admire in the journal of proceedings, especially the patience, industry and manifest ability in disposing of so many matters, some of them involving nice points of Masonic law, and others requiring delicate treatment on account of personal feelings.

They re-elected M. W. Horace M. Stokes, Grand Master, and R. W. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have received from this Grand Lodge the abstract of their proceedings for the year 5859.

The Committee of Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of our last proceedings, with those of other Grand Lodges. Speaking of the reports on Foreign Correspondence of these Grand Lodges, they say the amount of patient labor bestowed on some of them demands their admiration. As to the necessity, however, for so much elaboration of detail, the benefits which may practically result, or the utility which is to be experienced from this labor of these committees, they say they have neither the jurisdiction to question, nor are they the forum to decide; for themselves, however, they are free to remark that they cannot yield their consent to the existence of either such necessity, benefit or utility. The duties of the Committees of Correspondence begin, they say, when questions arise of importance to the Masonic world, when subjects are to be presented to the attention of the Craft universal, when official communications are necessary, when primary interests demand it; then, they think, it is both orderly and proper to have channels for such intercommunication among so many independent jurisdictions.

The committee conclude by sincerely offering to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the assurance of a deep and earnest desire for their harmony, prosperity and Masonic usefulness—a

sentiment which your committee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, cordially reciprocate toward our brethren of Pennsylvania.

The total membership of their Lodges is 11,983, their initiations during the year were 1,225, and for charity they have dispensed liberally.

R. W. Henry M. Phillipps was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. William H. Adams was re-elected Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have received a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year ending June 25th, 1860.

They acknowledge the receipt of letters of condolence from various Grand Bodies, on the death of R. W. William C. Baker, for a long time their able and efficient Grand Secretary — among them one from Grand Master Allen of Michigan.

They appropriated two hundred dollars to aid in the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of their late Past Grand Master Thos. Smith Webb.

They devoted time to W. Bro. Neatell to exemplify the Webb work, as given by him previous to the holding of the Baltimore convention, at the conclusion of which a resolution, presented the December previous, was called up to repeal the resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1844, adopting the work and lectures established by the national convention, held in Baltimore in May, 1843, when, upon a call of the Grand Lodge, it was lost by 44 yeas to 15 nays. The Baltimore work is, therefore, still adhered to in Rhode Island.

It was ordered, that where more than one Lodge exists in a town or city, the Secretaries of said Lodges shall inform each of the other Lodges of the names and residence of all applicants for the degrees of Masonry, and the time when action upon their petitions is to be taken.

Grand Master Jervis J. Smith, in his address at the annual meeting in May last, says, his position has given him a deep insight into the true condition of the Order; outwardly it presents a flattering picture, but on close inspection many painful truths are to be found. Among other things, he specifies the extreme anxiety to hold official stations in their Lodges; the spirit of progress, as it is called, and the extreme anxiety to have a large membership regardless of the material, create more dissensions, strife and bitterness in their Lodge rooms, than all else. He justly remarks that Masonry was never intended to make men, but to make Masons, and he reprobates the frequent remark from inexperienced Brothers in behalf of a petitioner: "The Lodge may improve him and make a man of him." He adds that such a Brother most assuredly needs making over himself, if the pattern admit of it.

An eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Augustus Woodbury, which we regret our space does not allow us to quote from.

Bro. Thos. A. Doyle, Grand Secretary, presented a well written report on foreign correspondence.

Bro. William Gray, of Newport, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Thos. A. Doyle, acting, was elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of

Charleston on the 15th of November, 1859, M. W. Henry Buist presiding. He reminds his brethren that it is a serious mistake to suppose that no other object is to be accomplished in the convocation of the Grand Lodge than the interchange of friendly feelings. At the same time he remarks that deliberative bodies command respect, not so much from the indiscriminate exercise of power, which is their prerogative, as from the non-exercise of it, except when reason and good sense justify it. He particularly cautions them against hasty and inconsiderate legislation. Among his official acts he reports having granted a dispensation for the establishment of a Lodge on the Island of Cuba, in justification of which he says that the island is unoccupied as an exclusive Masonic jurisdiction, and therefore open to the action of any Grand Lodge of the world. Two Lodges are already established there, and with the addition of this which was chartered by the Grand Lodge, will enable them to unite and form the "Grand Orient of Cuba." He recommended, and the Grand Lodge ordered, that for the future no dispensation be granted for Lodges in the country, without the consent of the three nearest Lodges thereto, and within the city of Charleston the consent of the four nearest Lodges must be first obtained.

The report of Grand Secretary Doct. Mackey was "received as information," and ordered to be published. This report is equivalent to a report of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and like all the productions of the pen of our gifted Brother, is clear, entertaining and instructive; unlike most reports of this nature, it is comparatively short, being so condensed as to render any further compression impossible. He says of the style of it, that these reports which at one time were almost entirely occupied in the discussion of questions of law, begin at length to assume the form of a narrative rather than of argument.

In our last report we alluded to two able reports from the majority and minority of a special committee in Mississippi upon the question of the status with regard to their membership of brethren who had been expelled or suspended by their Lodges, but the decision in whose cases had been abrogated or reversed by their Grand Lodge on appeal. The majority held that when a decision of a Lodge was reversed or abrogated by the Grand Lodge on appeal from the expelled or suspended Brother, it ought to have the power to declare the Brother in possession of all the rights and privileges the sentence so reversed sought to deprive him of—in other words, to restore him to membership. Your committee are pleased to find the views they then expressed in favor of this view, are ably set forth by the able Grand Secretary of South Carolina. After reviewing the ground, he hopes that this theory will be incorporated into the constitution of Mississippi, and that there at least no Lodge will be permitted, without redress, to inflict the most grievous wrong on a Brother, and that the maxim of the law will be there vindicated, that where there is a wrong, there is a remedy. With regard to the theory of one ballot for all the degrees, he has no hesitation in believing it to be radically wrong.

They elected an historiographer to prepare a history of Masonry in South Carolina.

They re-elected Henry Buist Grand Master, and Doct. A. G. Mackey Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at La Grange in June, 1860, M. W. Jas. F. Taylor, Grand Master, presiding, who rejoices that so many cheering evidences are furnished of the continued prosperity of the craft in his jurisdiction.

They resolve that no charter be hereafter granted for a new Lodge until satisfactory evidence has been given that a good and secure Hall has been provided for the meetings of said Lodge, and that they will not receive any returns from subordinate Lodges unless they are properly authenticated by the seal of the Lodge from which they emanate. They direct the special attention of Lodges to the importance of being represented at the annual communication in 1861, as by a resolution adopted in 1857, it was determined to permanently locate the Grand Lodge at that time.

They forbid Lodges appearing in public procession, or making any display publicly, as a Masonic body, except to bury a Brother or celebrate the anniversary of the Saints John, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

They require the Grand Lecturers to give at least ten days' notice of their intended visits to various Lodges.

The following resolution was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That the resolution approved by the Grand Lodge, at its annual communication at Palestine, in 1857, in relation to a belief in the Divine authenticity of the Bible being a pre-requisite to admission into the mysteries of Masonry, be so changed as to agree with the ancient charges concerning God and religion.

The committee reported that it would not be prudent to take any action at that time, and reported it back with a recommendation that it be referred to a select committee of three, to report at the next session ; but we do not find that such committee was appointed.

Certain questions were submitted, and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, upon which they declined giving any opinion, for the reason that they believe the Grand Lodge and her committees should not entertain or give official sanction to propositions without a proper case arising in a Lodge, and the same be properly certified to the Grand Lodge for an opinion.

They directed that, in addition to the usual questions asked a candidate for initiation, there shall be added : "Have you ever before made application for initiation in any Lodge ?" and should the answer be in the affirmative, that all action of the Lodge be suspended until the applicant can show himself entitled to the degree under their constitution and regulations.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an able paper, from the pen of A. Neill, P. G. M., who reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges. We regret that a copy of ours had not reached them.

John B. McMahon was elected Grand Master, and A. S. Ruthven was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

An occasional Grand Lodge of the craft of Virginia was convened at Williamsburgh, on the 11th of October, 1859, to place the cape-stone on the newly

erected edifice of William and Mary College, which, Phoenix-like, has sprung from its smouldering ruins in the unprecedented short period of eight months, on which occasion the Grand Orator, Wor. B. R. Wellford, Jr., delivered an eloquent address. A poem was recited by Rev. Bro. John Collins McCabe, and the ceremony was concluded by a blessing and prayer from the Rev. Bro. Joshua L. Garrett, Grand Chaplain; and in the evening the Fraternity, and the Rector and Faculty of the College, attended a sumptuous banquet at the City Hotel, at which good humor and mirth prevailed, and many toasts were given and responded to.

The annual communication was held in the city of Richmond, on the 12th day of December, 1859, M. W. Powhattan B. Starke presiding, who opened the session with a very short address, in which he calls upon his brethren to return hearty thanks to the Supreme Architect of the universe for the manifold blessings which surrounded them, for that peace and harmony which pervades Free Masonry thro'out the jurisdiction, and for His goodness and guidance which had brought them thither again to take counsel together for the best interests of our beloved institution. He informs them that he had granted dispensations for the opening of seven Lodges. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges for 1859, our own among the number; they make a report of but four pages, expressing in general terms their sentiments of fraternal good feeling, and expressing their gratification at the thriving and flourishing condition of the craft in the jurisdiction of most of their sister Grand Lodges.

It was proposed to divide the State into several districts, and appoint Grand Lecturers for each, but in view of uniformity, it was deemed inexpedient to have more than one Grand Lecturer.

It was asked whether a Lodge has the *inherent* right to confer the rite of Masonic burial upon a non-affiliated Mason, and decided that the Lodges have not the right to confer privileges upon non-affiliated Masons, under their local regulations.

Brother John Robin McDaniel was elected Grand Master, and John Dove was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in January, 1860, at Burlington, M. W. the venerable Philip C. Tucker presiding. His attention was called to the extraordinary spectacle of an expelled Mason filling the chair of one of their subordinate Lodges. Upon the fact being proved, he ordered the Senior Warden to take possession of the charter of the Lodge and the key of the Lodge room; to shut the door against the Master; to take the East himself, and go on with the business of the Lodge as though the Master were dead.

In our last report, we quoted at length from Bro. Tucker's address respecting the history of the Webb Work and Lectures. That history having been somewhat harshly criticised, Bro. Tucker ably replies to his reviewer, reiterating what he had said before, and clearing up what were alleged as ambiguities. Bro. Tucker says:

"I regret to say, that in the criticism of which I have spoken, there appears "a most palpable intention to undervalue *all* the lectures of Masonry. The

"believers in the importance of preserving the lectures intact are sneered at; called 'parrot Masons,' who, taken off the 'beaten path,' know 'nothing at all of Masonry, of its history, its philosophy, or its symbolism.' And we are 'dismissed with the cool remark—' Let us talk more, therefore, of the philosophy of Masonry, and something less of the Lectures of Webb,' and as opposed to the idea of the importance of the lectures we are called on, 'in Heaven's name, to inaugurate a new era.' "

This he adds, is, at least, sufficiently cool for a teacher of Free Masonry.

The matter of designating the place for holding the next session, was referred to a committee, who reported in favor of Brattleboro'. A labored discussion arose, and it was lost by a vote of 72 to 77. Montpelier was then proposed, which was lost, 72 to 75. Rutland and Burlington were then successively proposed, and the latter place fixed upon by 80 to 67.

M. W. Philip C. Tucker and John B. Hollenbeck, were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively.

WISCONSIN.

The sixteenth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Milwaukee, in June, 1860, M. W. Luther M. Tracy, Grand Master, presiding, who announced, from personal observation and reports of the R. W. Grand Lecturer, that during the past year, with a few exceptions, the Order in his jurisdiction has pursued the even tenor of its way in prosperity and harmony; peace reigns within their borders, and success has attended their every effort. He issued, during the year, eleven dispensations for new Lodges; he complains of the carelessness of Lodges in either being without a seal, or neglecting to use it on proper occasions, and the Grand Lodge declare that no official papers shall be received by it unless accompanied with the seal of the Lodge issuing or sending the same.

The question was asked, whether, in case the Wardens of a Lodge both leave its vicinity and jurisdiction, can their place be filled before the expiration of their term of office, in such a manner as that the Lodge can be opened in the absence of the W. M.? To which proposition, as a whole, they answer, no; that it is well settled that a W. M. and Wardens cannot resign, but if either of them remove from the jurisdiction of the Lodge, the Lodge may allow such officer to dimit, thereby the office becomes vacant, which vacancy can be filled by dispensation from the Grand Master to hold a special election.

The question also arose, whether a W. M. regularly installed, if he be re-elected, must be again installed. They answer that upon the question there is a conflict of authorities; but the weight of authority is, that it is not necessary, but they deem it advisable to re-install, if it can be done without great inconvenience. In Michigan, we hold that an officer holds his office until his successor is duly elected, and if the office is filled by the former incumbent, a new installation is unnecessary.

They decided that any Master Mason in good standing, and not in arrears for dues, has an indisputable right, if he chooses so to do, to sever his connection with the craft and withdraw from his Lodge without being called upon to give reasons satisfactory to them, or any body but himself, for so doing.

The Chamber of Commerce, of Milwaukee, very courteously invited the

Grand Lodge to join with them in an excursion to Racine and back, on the Steamer Detroit, which they accepted.

The Milwaukee Masonic Hall Association tendered the use of rooms for the purposes of offices for the Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, which very liberal offer was accepted.

They are in mourning on account of the death of their late worthy and beloved John W. Hunt, late Grand Secretary, and they appropriated one hundred dollars for a suitable marble monument, and one hundred dollars a year to his widow, for the use of herself and infant child.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Bro. James H. Howe, is an able review, of 24 pages, of the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Lodges, our own included; they congratulate us upon our flourishing condition, a sentiment we heartily reciprocate.

It was decided that a M. M. can join any Lodge that chooses to receive him, whether nearest his place of residence or not. We long ago answered the same question in the same way.

Gabriel Bouck was elected Grand Master, and Jas. B. Kellogg was elected Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FENTON,

*Grand Secretary and Ex-Officio Chairman of Committee
on Foreign Correspondence.*

W. Bro. S. Blanchard, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, then presented his credentials as the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, near this Grand Lodge, and said:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

While cheerfully accepting the appointment of Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, near the Grand Lodge of Michigan, I desire to express my grateful acknowledgments for the confidence reposed in me by the Grand Lodge of Illinois,—an honor the more highly appreciated as the object of the appointment, in the language of the commission, is “to cultivate a more intimate correspondence than has heretofore existed” between the Grand Lodge of Michigan and the Grand Lodge of Illinois, whereby it is hoped that the fraternal feelings of the Brethern within the respective jurisdictions will be strengthened, their mutual interests promoted, and the general good of the order subserved.

S. BLANCHARD.

Whereupon the subject was referred to the special committee on Masonic Law.

Bro. William J. Edwards then presented the following communication from the Grand Treasurer, who was detained at home by severe indisposition:

NIIMA, January 7th, 1861.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan:

This is to certify, that Bro. Wm. J. Edwards is authorized to make my report to the Grand Lodge, and transact such other business as may be necessary

Yours, fraternally,

WM. H. McOMBER,

Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Edwards then presented the Grand Treasurer's Annual Account, as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Treasurer would respectfully submit the following annual report:

1860.		<i>Dr.</i>	
Jan. 11.	To amount on hand, as per report of this date,	- -	\$68 91
"	" received of Grand Secretary,	- -	2,492 73
			<u>\$2,561 64</u>
1860.		<i>Cr.</i>	
Jan. 11.	By amount of Pay Roll,	- - - -	\$1,061 76
Jan. 12.	Paid Warrant No. 108, to Lodge No. 99,	- - -	7 75
"	" " 109, J. Adams Allen,	- - -	25 00
Feb. 4.	" " 110, Richmonds & Backus,	- - -	32 10
"	" " 111, Monroe Chapter,	- - -	50 00
"	" " 112, Geo. Doty,	- - -	10 00
"	" " 113, Postage,	- - -	12 00
Feb. 11.	" " 114, Free Press,	- - -	196 16
Feb. 20.	" " 115, S. Blanchard,	- - -	140 00
April 10.	" " 116, " "	- - -	100 00
June 9.	" " 116, " "	- - -	100 00
June 24.	" " 117, James Fenton, G. S.,	- - -	175 00
July 10.	" " 118, S. Blanchard,	- - -	80 00
Sept. 20.	" " 119, " "	- - -	70 00
Oct. 24.	" " 120, " "	- - -	60 00
Nov. 15.	" " 121, " "	- - -	30 00
Dec. 6.	" " 122, " "	- - -	70 00
1861.			
Jan. 2.	" " 123, " "	- - -	100 00
"	" " 124, Grand Architect's Jewel,	- - -	10 00
			Balance on hand,
		- - -	211 87
			<u>\$2,561 64</u>

Very respectfully,

WM. H. McOMBER, G. T.,

Detroit, January 9th, 1861.

By WM. J. EDWARDS.

The Grand Secretary then presented his Annual Account, as follows, both of which were referred to the Standing Committee on Accounts:

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

JAS. FENTON, GRAND SECRETARY,

In Account with the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Dr.

1860.					
Feb. 20.	For Dispensation for Forest Lodge, U. D.	-	-	-	\$20 00
"	" " " Ovid Lodge, U. D.	-	-	-	20 00
May 26.	" " " Ypsilanti Lodge, U. D.	-	-	-	20 00
June 27.	" Warrant on account of salary,	-	-	-	175 00
Sept. 12.	" Dispensation for Bay City Lodge, U. D.	-	-	-	20 00
Sept. 21.	" " " Kalamazoo L., No. 22, to confer degrees,				5 00
	28 Grand Lodge Certificates,	-	-	-	14 00
	Balance due Grand Secretary,	-	-	-	83 75
					<u>\$357 75</u>

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	By Sundry Postage,	-	-	-	\$7 75
	" One year's salary	-	-	-	350 00

DETROIT, January 9th, 1861.

\$357 75

The Grand Secretary then presented the petition of Camanche Lodge, No. 60, Iowa, for aid in rebuilding their Lodge which was destroyed by the fearful tornado of June 3d last, whereby also the town was demolished and many of its inhabitants killed.

Bro. N. B. Eldridge also presented the appeal to his Lodge (Lapeer, No. 54,) of Palmyra Lodge, No. 23, Kansas, for assistance rendered necessary by the total failure of the crops owing to a severe and all-consuming drought, and by direction of his Lodge, asked the advice of the Grand Lodge, both of which were referred to a special committee of three, consisting of Bros. Beech, Mitchell and Payne.

Bro. Blodgett offered the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, be and are hereby prohibited from receiving or acting upon applications of Masons for membership, until the dimit of the applicant be in the possession of the Lodge; *Provided*, the Lodge of which he was last a member is in existence, and if not, he shall produce evidence of proper membership from the Grand Lodge under which said former Lodge was held.

2. *Resolved*, That it is un-masonic for Lodges to grant dimitts conditionally, and that no action should be taken upon a Brother's application for a dimit until free from all charges upon the books of his Lodge.

Bro. McCurdy offered the following resolution:

3. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that a candidate after initiation, whenever he has made suitable proficiency, can be ballotted for and advanced at other than a regular communication.

Which three resolutions were referred to the Committee on Masonic Law.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, and announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the special order, to wit: the annual election of Grand officers. The election was proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared to be duly elected to the offices set opposite their names respectively, to wit:

HORACE S. ROBERTS, of Detroit, Grand Master.

FRANCIS DARROW, of Pontiac, Deputy Grand Master.

F. CARLISLE, of Dexter, Senior Grand Warden.

P. H. TAYLOR, of Ionia, Junior Grand Warden.

REV. GEORGE TAYLOR, of Ann Arbor, Grand Chaplain.

ALBERT H. JORDAN, of Detroit, Grand Architect.

JAMES FENTON, of Detroit, Grand Secretary.

W. H. MCOMBER, of Niles, Grand Treasurer.

STILMAN BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh, Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

M. AYERS, of Fentonville, Senior Grand Deacon.

R. B. PIPER, of Hudson, Junior Grand Deacon.

JOSEPH P. WHITING, of Detroit, Grand Marshal.

A. PARTRIDGE, of Birmingham, Grand Sword Bearer.

A. B. CUDWORTH, of Pontiac, Grand Pursuivant.

CHAS. D. HOWARD, of Detroit, Grand Steward and Tiler.

When on motion it was ordered, that the installation of the Grand Officers elect be made the special order for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Bro. Mitchell offered the following preamble and resolution, both of which were adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Lodge entertains for our most excellent brother, Rob. Morris, of Kentucky, sentiments of the highest esteem and fraternal love, and sympathizes with him in the trouble and alarm to which he so feelingly alluded in his address this morning; therefore be it

Resolved, In token of our respect and love for him and for our brethren throughout the Union, that he be requested to reduce his address to writing and furnish to the Grand Secretary a copy for publication.

On motion of Bro. Hodge, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, tendered to W. K. Muir, Esq., General Superintendent of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway, and to our brother, William P. Innes, Esq., Engineer and Superintendent of the Amboy, Lansing & Traverse Bay Railroad, for their courtesy and liberality in granting return passes to the members of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to those gentlemen a copy of the foregoing resolution.

The special Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Ca-

manche Lodge, No. 60, of Iowa, for relief, and also the appeal for relief from Palmyra Lodge, No. 23, of Kansas, referred to this Grand Lodge from Lapeer Lodge, No. 54, for advice, respectfully

REPORT.

In reference to the first above appeal, that it presents a case in which relief can be well and worthily granted, and they therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge grant to said Camanche Lodge the sum of \$25.00, to aid it in the objects of its appeal.

In reference to the last, they recommend that this Grand Lodge advise said Lapeer Lodge, and also all other subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, to receive all such appeals with caution as well as liberality, and in all cases when they shall be convinced of the worthiness of the appeal to contribute as liberally as their several circumstances will permit, and that said appeal be referred back to said Lapeer Lodge. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. MITCHELL,
GEO. F. PAYNE,
J. H. BEECH.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock this evening, and informed the Grand Lodge that he had invited our distinguished brother, M. W. Rob. Morris, to exemplify the Webb-Preston Work and Lectures at that time.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor and called upon M. W. Rob. Morris, who proceeded to exemplify the Webb-Preston Work and Lectures in the three degrees of Masonry, after which Bro. H. McCurdy offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby, tendered to our worthy brother, Rob. Morris, for his interesting and able exemplification of the work of the three degrees.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

R. W. S. B. BROWN, D. G. M., called the Grand Lodge to labor, and pursuant to the special order, the Grand Marshal presented HORACE S. ROBERTS, Grand Master elect, who was then duly installed by M. W. Hon. WM. M. FENTON, P. G. M., and saluted by the brethren.

M. W. HORACE S. ROBERTS, Grand Master, then proceeded to install the newly elected Grand Officers, as follows :

FRANCIS DARROW, Deputy Grand Master.

F. CARLISLE, Senior Grand Warden.

P. H. TAYLOR, Junior Grand Warden.

Rev. GEORGE TAYLOR, Grand Chaplain.

M. ATERS, Senior Grand Deacon.

R. B. PIPER, Junior Grand Deacon.

A. PARTRIDGE, Grand Sword Bearer.

A. B. CUDWORTH, Grand Pursuivant.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the M. W. Grand Master's address relating to the Union, then presented the following report, which was accepted and unanimously adopted :

REPORT

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of Michigan :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to the Union, respectfully report :

That while in our opinion neither this Grand Lodge, or any subordinate, or any Mason, as such, should interfere in any way with the political faith or opinions of any party or set of men,—but the broad mantle of Masonic charity should extend to, shield and protect from calumny and abuse, our Brethren wherever situated throughout the globe,—yet, we believe a crisis may arise which will demand of all good Masons to show by their acts and words of counsel and admonition, as well as by precept, that they are quiet and peaceable citizens, true to their government, and just to their country.

This Grand Lodge, as well as its subordinates, is composed of members differing in mere political opinions, but bound together, with their Brethren everywhere, by the ties of brotherhood which know no party, sect or country, and which animate with equal ardor the heart of him who lives in the sunny clime of the South as of him who resides amid the snows of the North. A crisis such as we have referred to, many good and patriotic men believe, now exists, and we may not shut our eyes to the disastrous consequences which would not fail to flow from the permanent weakening or overthrow of that great temple of human liberty, raised and cemented by the blood of our fathers. Whether we were born under the constellation of the Union, or have adopted this country as our home and the home of our posterity, we cannot, as Masons or as men, be indifferent to the past history of our nation, or the glorious prospect which that history until recently seemed to ordain for its future. We look back with pride and gratitude to our revered Brother Washington, whose memory is embalmed in the hearts of his countrymen, and we hold in reverence the sacred place where lie the remains of him who was an ornament to the craft and the race ; and, with hearts gushing with fraternal affection, we here, in this hall devoted to brotherly love, relief and truth, pledge ourselves,

and appeal to our Brethren everywhere throughout this broad land of ours, in the name of him whose ashes repose in the hallowed tomb at Mount Vernon, to join with us in unceasing peaceable effort and constant invocation to the great Architect of the Universe to allay party strife and to strengthen the bonds of fraternal love, to save us from the dangers which have or may threaten the destruction of that temple of liberty erected by our sires, and so to cement and bind us all together in the four-fold cord that cannot be broken, that the keystone may be secured in the arch of our Federal compact, and future generations unite in singing praises to the good men and patriots who laid so broad and deep the foundations of that temple, that although the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon it, yet it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock.

The members of this Grand Lodge listened to the stirring words of affection from our respected P. G. M. Rob. Morris, of Ky., and were deeply moved at his touching allusions to the friendly feelings which have heretofore existed between the sons of his State and ours, whose blood in times past mingled on the same field in defence of our national liberties; and in common with him we unite in friendly greetings to our Brothers throughout the States of this Confederacy, and appeal to them, by the hallowed memories of the past and the brilliant hopes we have so long entertained for the future of our beloved land, to unite in unceasing efforts for the permanent good, welfare and prosperity of our common country, and, with its future and perpetual Union, for the elevation of our ancient and time-honored Institution, and the perfection of that beautiful moral temple within whose walls is heard continual thanksgivings to the Grand Master of the universe, to whom we are indebted for all the blessings we enjoy.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the accompanying preamble and resolutions, of which we recommend the adoption :

Whereas, As it pleased a kind Providence through the blood and sufferings of our fathers, to confer upon our country the blessings of peace and liberty, and to enable them, through wise and patriotic counsel, to form a government based upon the broadest principles of human freedom, and which secures exact and equal justice to all;

And as we deem the privileges which we enjoy under our present form of government to be of inestimable value, and are anxious to transmit them unimpaired to our posterity as a most precious legacy;

And as we regard with the deepest devotion the bonds which bind together the various States of our Union, and cannot contemplate, except with horror, the direful evils of secession;

And as we regard with the most tender and fraternal feelings our Brethren of every section of our common country, and desire that all cause of contention and distrust may be removed, so that we shall live in the future, as did our fathers before us, in bonds of fellowship and brotherhood;

And as we regard the preservation of our glorious Union, which has secured to us peace and prosperity at home, and respect and protection abroad, as of the utmost importance to the best interest of our race and country, and believe that all honorable efforts should be made in order to restore peace and concord;

And as in the opinion of many wise and patriotic men our Union is threatened with danger;

To the end, therefore, that, as citizens of a great common country and Brethren of a great common brotherhood, we may exert our influence with one another for good and not for evil, for an expression of our love for our brethren and country;

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, That we are deeply attached to our present form of government, and to the constitution of our country, and to the citizens of every portion of our country, and that we should deplore as a calamity to the best and dearest interests of man the disruption of our Confederacy.

Resolved, That we implore our Brethren in every section of our common country to exert their influence to soften asperities of feeling and restore harmony to our councils, to the end that the bonds of brotherhood may be strengthened, and as a united people we may move forward in the career of honor and usefulness.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, be sent forthwith to all the Grand Lodges in communication with us.

HENRY A. MORROW,
N. B. ELDRIDGE,
WM. M. FENTON,
D. P. CHAMBERLIN,
F. DARROW,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
O. D. CONGER.

The Grand Secretary made a statement to the effect that through inadvertence in making out the returns of Lexington Lodge, No. 61, their Secretary wrote the word "expelled" opposite the name of our respected brother, Arthur M. Clark, now W. M. of that Lodge, instead of opposite the name of Orlow Maybee, who was really expelled for gross un-masonic conduct, and asked and received permission to repair the injustice done our worthy Brother, by placing this statement upon the record.

Bro. Cudworth offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Bro. Rob. Morris, of the State of Kentucky, by his devotion to the great principles of Free Masonry, and his instructions heretofore so freely given to this Grand Jurisdiction in all that pertains to its vital principles, has merited our esteem and respect; therefore,

Resolved, That he be, and he is hereby, received and accepted an honorary member of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. C. M. Young, it was

Resolved, That Bro. P. H. Taylor, our Junior Grand Warden, be, and is hereby, invited to read a poem of his own composition, before this grand body at its next annual communication.

Bro. A. H. Jordan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine carefully in how far the work in the three degrees as practiced in this State differs from that as taught by Bro. Rob. Morris, and report the same to the next regular communication of this grand body, with such recommendations as they see fit to make.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. A. H. Jordan, Francis Darrow, Geo. B. Ensworth, J. E. Marvin and B. Porter, Jr., such committee.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to pay the expenses of P. G. M. Rob. Morris, of Kentucky, in attending this Grand Convocation.

The standing committee on Examination then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

The Standing Committee on Examination respectfully report that they have examined with care the several applications for charters from Lodges now working under dispensation, and finding their work to have been substantially correct and in accordance with the constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge, would therefore recommend that charters be granted to them, as follows :

To EAGLE LODGE, No. 124, at Burr Oak, St. Joseph Co.

" FAIRFIELD LODGE, No. 125, at Fairfield, Lenawee Co.

" FOREST LODGE, No. 126, at Capac, St. Clair Co.

" OVID LODGE, No. 127, at Ovid, Clinton Co.

" YPSILANTI LODGE, No. 128, at Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Co.

" BAY CITY LODGE, No. 129, at Bay City, Bay Co.

And your committee would further recommend that the dispensation under which *Stockbridge Lodge* has been working be continued until the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that Charles G. Coot be appointed W. M., in place of G. E. Corbin, who is about to remove, and that John F. Van Sickle be appointed S. W., in place of Charles G. Coot, late S. W., and that William M. Stephens be appointed J. W., and that the name of Griffin Paddock be left out, as he has never been dimitted from Mason Lodge, No. 70.

And they further recommend that a dispensation be granted, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, for a Lodge in the town of *Mendon*, in the county of *St. Joseph*.

And they further recommend that a dispensation be granted for a Lodge at *Linden*, in the county of *Genesee*.

And they further report, that they have had under consideration the petition of brethren residing in *Kalamo*, asking for a dispensation for a Lodge at *Kalamo*, and would respectfully report adverse to said petition.

They further report and recommend, that all Lodges to whom charters have been granted in the above report, and all Lodges opened by virtue of dispensations as recommended in this report, be recommended to adopt the By-Laws recommended by this Grand Lodge and printed on page 33 of the Blue Book.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

A. ALLEN, *Chairman*,

N. C. ALVORD,

P. H. TAYLOR,

Committee on Examination.

The standing committee on Grievances then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom were referred the several matters hereinafter mentioned, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report upon them severally as follows :

1. Transcript of minutes of Mural Lodge, No. 14, of the expulsions of John Morris and Samuel J. Henderson, and the suspension of Linus De Puy.

Your Committee find the proceedings regular and the causes of discipline sufficient, but as no appeal has been filed with the G. S., no action is required

2. Appeal of John Davis from the action of Cedar Lodge, No. 60. Among the papers we find only a letter to our Grand Secretary.

Your Committee recommend that action be postponed to the next Grand Lodge.

3. Appeal of F. C. Cornell from action of Hastings Lodge, No. 52, dated Jan. 1, 1861.

Your Committee report that this matter was disposed of by the last Grand Lodge, and recommend that the appellant have leave to withdraw his papers.

4. Appeal of T. Sutton from action of Orion Lodge, No. 46. In this case it appears that a vote of censure was passed by the Lodge upon Bro. Sutton without charges or trial, for conduct outside of the Lodge, but the conduct complained of admitted by Bro. Sutton. Your Committee recommend the reversal of the sentence on the ground of irregularity, and offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That neither of the *three* Masonic penalties should be inflicted upon a Brother without charges, specifications, notice and trial, in due Masonic form.

5. Appeal of A. J. Sawyer from action of Eureka Lodge, No. 107. In this case it appears to your Committee, from the records sent up, that the vote of expulsion in the Lodge stood 13 for and 8 against, all Brothers present voting. This is so plain an infringement of our constitution that comment is needless. Your Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of said Lodge was irregular, and the expulsion void, and that the matter be sent back to said Lodge for its final action in the premises.

6. Appeal of O. E. Parker from action of Lexington Lodge, No. 61. In this case your Committee find the minutes sent up insufficient to enable them to arrive at a correct understanding of the case; and they therefore report back the papers in the case, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. D. CONGER,
D. P. CHAMBERLIN,
M. OSBORN.

Which report was accepted and adopted, except the resolution em-

braced in Number 4, to which Bro. Ensworth offered the following amendment :

Except for suspension for the non-payment of dues, after due notice of the non-payment of such dues, (when such notice can be given,) and any action of this Grand Lodge conflicting with this action, is hereby annulled.

A division was called for upon the amendment, and the vote being taken upon the first clause it was lost, and pending the motion on the remainder, the resolution was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

The Committee on Masonic Law respectfully report back the resolutions referred to them, with the following recommendations:

1. They recommend its adoption, although Masonic authorities seem to authorize such action to be bad, yet we deem the regulation advisable in this jurisdiction.

2. They recommend its adoption.

3. They recommend its adoption, leaving it to the sound discretion of the will, to exercise such right only when the good of the craft seems to require it.

On the commission of Bro. S. Blanchard, as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, near this Grand Lodge, your committee recommend, that he be recognized as such representative.

Your Committee further state, that in their opinion circumstances may arise in which the appointment of like Representatives from Grand Lodges may promote the best interests of the Fraternity.

W. M. FENTON,
F. DARROW,
O. TERRY,

Committee on Masonic Law.

M. W. Grand Master Horace S. Roberts then presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near this Grand Lodge, and was duly recognized as such Representative.

On Motion of Bro. Cogshall it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the Report of the Committee on that part of the Grand Master's address which refers to the Union to the daily papers for publication.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when,

on motion of Bro. White, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, The vast assemblage that annually congregates in the Grand Lodge is conclusive of the deep and abiding interest that Masons feel in the cause, and that the highest and most honorable position to which a Mason can attain is that of Most Worshipful Grand Master, to which few ever arrive, and they only who through years have exhibited proof of their skill and been found worthy and well qualified ; therefore, in view of the high and eminent qualities that have enabled them to gain that position, it is fitting that their memories should be perpetuated through all time, and not be forgotten when their term of office expires, or when they shall have been called to a seat in that Lodge on high where the S. G. A. of the U. presides, but that future generations may be enabled to view with reverence and admiration the shadowed features of the eminent and honored few ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be directed to procure a set of photographic likenesses of the M. W. Grand Masters, from the re-organizing of the Grand Lodge in 1843, ere more of them have taken their departure from among us,—the evergreen having already been deposited in the graves of two of that number,—and that the practice be continued annually hereafter.

On motion of Bro. Blodgett, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to publish, in circular form, all edicts involving questions of Masonic Jurisprudence, immediately after the close of each session of the Grand Lodge, and to transmit the same to each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction.

On motion of Bro. Pattison, it was

Resolved, That all Lodges to whom charters have been granted at this communication of the Grand Lodge, shall have dispensations granted them to hold elections for officers at their next regular communication, or as soon thereafter as may be, at a regular communication.

On motion of Bro. Wright, it was

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be paid to our late Grand Master to reimburse him for postage paid by him on his official correspondence.

The Standing Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Accounts beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the following accounts, and find them correct, viz :

Richmond & Backus, for stationery, \$16.13, Grand Treasurer's account, and they have compared it with the vouchers accompanying, which they have destroyed, and find it correct ; and there is now in Grand Treasurer's hands \$211.87. Also, the Grand Secretary's account, and find due him \$83.75, for which they recommend that a warrant be drawn. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

BELA COGSHALL,
B. B. CHURCH,
THOS. J. DEAN.

We shall meet upon the **LEVEL** there, but never thence depart—
There's a **MANSION**—'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart;
There's a **MANSION** and a welcome, and a multitude is there,
Who have met upon the **LEVEL** and been tried upon the **SQUARE**.

Let us meet upon the **LEVEL** then, while laboring patient here,
Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor be severe;
Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the **SQUARE**.

Hands round, ye faithful **Masons**, form the bright fraternal chain;
We part upon the **SQUARE** below, to meet in **HEAVEN** again.
Oh! what words of precious meaning those words **Masonic** are—
We meet upon the **LEVEL**, and part upon the **SQUARE**!

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in **AMPLE FORM**, after solemn prayer by the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

Attest:

{ L. S. }



Grand Secretary.

EXPELLED.

<i>NAMES.</i>	<i>LODGES.</i>	<i>CAUSES.</i>
Jan M. Tillman.....	from Rochester.....	No. 5, for a. p. d.
Byron Ransford	" "	" 5, " u. m. c.
John Morris.....	" Murat.....	" 14, " "
Sam'l J. Henderson.....	" "	" 14, " "
Henry Thiel.....	" Fidelity	" 32, " "
W. W. Edminster.....	" Lyons.....	" 37, " "
Moraldus Decker.....	" Orion	" 46, " "
Major F. Lockwood, F. C..	" Austin.....	" 48, " gross u. m. c.
Oscar Spencer.....	" Climax	" 59, " u. m. c.
John Davis.....	" Cedar	" 60, " "
J. V. Swarts	" Ontonagon	" 67, " "
John C. Smith.....	" Utica.....	" 75, " "
S. S. Thorn	" Bellevue.....	" 83, " "
Peter D. Swart	" Butler.....	" 88, " "
O. Raynor	" Star.....	" 93, " "
E. A. Forest.....	" St. Peters.....	" 106, " "

SUSPENDED.

John Mackley	from Murat	No. 14, for u. m. c. indefinitely.
L. Van Alstyne.....	" Lyons	" 37, " "
J. S. Martin.....	" Western Star. "	" 39, " " for 3 months.
William Brown.....	" Birmingham . "	" 44, " "
Cornelius Braman.....	" "	" 44, " "
Samuel Camp	" Occidental ... "	" 56, " " for 1 year.

CORRECTION.

Last year the returns of Lexington Lodge, No. 61, showed ARTHUR M. CLARKE to have been expelled. The unintentional injustice done the Brother was caused by the word *expelled* being written opposite the wrong name. Bro. ARTHUR M. CLARKE has always been in the best standing, and he is at this time Worshipful Master of Lexington Lodge, No. 61.

1861. TABULAR STATEMENT for the year ending December 27th, 1860.

No.	LODGER.	WORKSHIPPUL MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated	Disinited	Expelled	Rejected	Admitted	Expelled	No. of Members	Deas Paid.	REMARKS.
1	ZION.....	Charles M. Young	Detroit.....	5	5		8	1	2	20	\$31 00	
2	DETROIT.....	Oliver Bourke.	Detroit.....	8	7		2	3	3	174	46 50	
3	UNION OF S. O.....	John P. Fiske.	Detroit.....	10	2		2	2	3	15	36 37	
4	St. JOSEPH VALLEY.....	John Woodruff	Niles.....	4	3		3	1	3	38	19 75	
5	ROCHESTER.....	John V. Lamberton	Rochester.....	3	4	2	2	2	2	35	12 75	
6	MT. CLEMENS.....	Wm. S. Robinson	Mt. Clemens.....	3	2		3	2	2	31	10 00	
7	WASHINGTON.....	Tracy H. Southworth.	Tekonsaha.....	1	1		3	2	1	34	11 25	
8	TRENTON.....	N. C. Alvord.	Trenton.....	5	4		3	1	1	40	14 00	
9	EVERGREEN.....	Geo. L. Cornell.	St. Clair.....	2	1		1	1	1	45	11 25	
10	DOWAGIAC.....	P. D. Beckwith.	Dowagiac.....	7	7		9	1	1	71	21 00	
11	PINE GROVE.....	E. W. Harris.	Port Huron.....	3	2		6	1	17	62	21 50	
12	BATTLE CREEK.....	Wm. C. Dumphrey	Battle Creek.....	7	3		6	2	1	91	30 83	
13	PHOENIX.....	Calvin F. Ashley	Ypsilanti.....	6	35		4	1	2	85	27 50	
14	MURAT.....	Joseph W. Clark	Albion.....	8	3	2	3	2	1	53	19 00	
15	LAFAYETTE.....	James Clark	Jonesville.....	11	1		6	2	2	76	24 51	
16	JACKSON.....	B. Porter, Jr.	Jackson.....	2	1		7	1	6	105	26 75	
17	TYRE.....	Seaman L. Dart	Coldwater.....	18	3		9	1	6	119	43 00	
18	ADRIAN.....	A. H. Wood.	Adrian.....	12	1		1	2	3	83	28 75	
19	St. ALBANS.....	Isaac Beers	Marshall.....	6	1		10	2	1	87	22 25	
20	PONTIAC.....	A. B. Matthews.	Pontiac.....	5	2		1	2	2	85	26 50	
21	KALAMAZOO.....	Thos. C. Brownell.	Kalamazoo.....	9	7		1	4	1	75	29 75	
22	FLINT.....	Hon. W. M. Fenton.	Flint.....	10	7		3	2	2	104	32 25	
23	MT. HIRON.....	Jas. J. Dredler.	Centerville.....	2	1		3	1	1	49	13 29	
24	PAW PAW.....	O. C. Simmons.	Paw Paw.....	4	1		7	1	1	46	13 72	
25	MAISON.....	D. P. Chamberlin	Hudson.....	11	1		6	11	11	73	25 38	
26	MONROE.....	Jas. Darrah.....	Monroe.....	7	1		2	2	2	72	22 18	

No.	Name	Union City	Age	Rank	Years	Fees	Dues	Total	Remarks
28	UNION	Edwin Perry	8	4	1	1	1	35	
29	HUMANITY	Daniel Dorsey	5	4	1	1	1	31	
30	CONCORD	W. N. Keeler	4	4	1	1	1	25	
31	PORTLAND	M. B. Hoers	13	2	1	1	1	25	
32	FIDELITY	A. F. Whelan, M. D.	13	2	1	1	1	25	
33	LANING	Hon. G. W. Peck, PGM	6	1	2	3	1	87	
34	GRAND RIVER	Benj. B. Church	12	11	2	4	3	83	
35	SILKOM	Thos. Wass, Jr.	13	4	1	1	1	123	
36	IONIA	Palmer H. Taylor	4	5	3	8	61	16 94	
37	LYONS	D. O. Spaulding	5	1	6	2	4	54	
38	HOWELL	Frank Wells	3	3	1	1	4	49	
39	WESTERN STAR	Chas. D. Nichols	5	1	1	1	1	42	
40	FRANKLIN	Litchfield	7	3	1	1	1	38	
41	ROMEO	Romeo	6	3	1	1	2	62	
42	BIRMINGHAM	A. Partridge	7	6	1	12	26	6 96	
43	ORION	William E. Littell	9	2	1	1	1	57	
44	PLYMOUTH ROCK	Thos. J. Dean	18	2	1	1	1	52	
45	AUSTIN	D. A. Wright	7	1	1	1	1	52	
46	MERIDIAN SUN	B. F. Doughly	14	5	3	1	1	85	
47	MICHIGAN	M. Shoemaker	2	5	3	3	64	18 25	
48	ALMONT	Dewitt Hallock	3	1	4	1	3	41	
49	HASTINGS	Zophor Seidmore	15	4	3	62	25 75	13 34	
50	LAPEER	Myron B. Smith	2	1	1	1	49	15 00	
51	BACKUS	S. S. Chapman	2	1	1	1	72	29 88	
52	OCCIDENTAL	Warren Chapman	11	4	3	2	86	30 71	
53	THREE RIVERS	John Cowling	14	3	3	2	77	31 00	
54	PORT HURON	Wm. T. Mitchell	13	2	3	2	14	50	
55	CLIMAX	Horne Arnold	8	1	2	1	43	9 00	
56	CEDAR	N. B. Smith	8	2	3	8	59	21 00	
57	LEXINGTON	Arthur M. Clarke	3	3	6	58	11 75	14 50	
58	S. WARD	D. McCallum	1	3	1	34	10 25	20 50	
59	EATON RAPIDS	Jas. Gallery	3	2	2	52			
60	MACOMB	Geo. W. Knapp	8	2	2	52			
61	WASHTENAW	Fred. Carlisle	8	2	2	52			

No returns.

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

No.	LOGGER.	WORTHFUL MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Uninitiated.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Ref.	Admitted.	Suspended.	No. of Memb.	Dees Paid.	REMARKS.
66	CAYTAL OF S. O.	P. H. Pinckney.	Lansing	8	1	2	49	\$18 50	25 cents overpaid.
67	ONTONAGON	William Coadon	Ontonagon	1	6	1	...	...	1	...	51	12 00
68	BUCHANAN	Charles Clark	Buchanan	6	...	...	4	...	...	...	59	19 75
69	TECUMSEH	Lucius Lilley	Tecumseh	16	2	...	3	...	3	...	72	32 00	
70	MAISON	Peter Low	Maison	1	3	58	13 00	No returns.
71	MACINAC	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
72	COLON	Andrew J. Kinne	Colon	6	1	...	2	...	...	...	35	13 00
73	DUNDEE	Henry Watling	Dundee	9	...	...	3	...	...	...	33	17 00
74	UTICA	Oliver Adams	Utica	1	49	9 00	No returns.
75	PINCKNEY	C. W. Hase	Pinckney	8	...	...	4	...	...	...	59	18 75
76	SAGINAW	Wm. J. Bartow	Saginaw	4	7	...	2	...	1	...	45	13 50	
77	OTSEGO	Willard G. Eaton	Otsego	8	3	...	2	...	...	...	41	17 00
78	GERMANTOWN	M. C. T. Pleasner	Saginaw City	1	1	...	1	...	18	5 25	No returns.
79	BYRON	H. B. Southard	Byron	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	43	7 00
80	OWOSSO	M. W. Quackenbush	Owosso	6	4	...	...	...	3	...	43	16 23
81	LAKE ST. CLAIR	Henry G. Blanchard	New Baltimore	4	3	...	2	...	...	...	39	12 50
82	BELLEVEUE	R. B. Hughes	Belleveue	4	1	1	33	11 25	No returns.
83	ANN ARBOR	P. M. Parker	Oxford	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	30	8 00
84	VALLEY CITY	E. D. Benedict	Ann Arbor	16	2	...	4	...	1	...	92	35 75	
85	ANCHOR OF S. O.	Chas. H. Brown	Kalamazoo	10	5	...	4	...	...	...	80	29 25
86	BETTER	Ambrose Lampman	Butler	2	1	15	5 00	No returns.
87	MYTLE	Thomas Quirk	Belleveue	8	6	...	...	...	...	...	25	8 00
88	LOWELL	Thomas Daniels	Lowell	7	...	...	4	...	1	...	34	13 57
89	ASHLAE	George B. Ensworth	Detroit	13	...	...	2	...	...	...	45	22 98
90	PAINE	W. A. Blake	Galesburg	6	...	...	3	...	1	...	38	12 75

93	STAR	Chauncey Leonard	Jefferson	7	4	1	1	1	3	51	16 14
94	CHAMITY	Joseph J. Rhodes	Detroit	9	...	...	6	...	5	51	23 50
95	J. MOORS	F. N. Butler	Morenci	7	...	...	...	...	...	51	16 75
96	GREENVILLE	Chas. R. Ellenwood	Greenville	...	3	...	...	...	...	26	7 25
97	NILES	Joel Loomis	Niles	4	...	...	...	...	1	46	13 75
98	WATERFORD	F. W. Field	Waterford	6	...	...	1	...	...	29	11 25
99	DECATUR	H. Canoll	Decatur	6	...	...	1	...	...	52	15 50
100	OAKWOOD	Lucius Fitch	Oakwood	2	...	...	...	...	...	22	6 25
101	MARQUETTE	Matthew H. Maynard	Marquette	9	...	...	4	...	3	55	20 25
102	BLANCHARD	James J. Russell	Tecumseh	3	...	...	3	...	...	35	10 00
103	GREENLY	John V. Lyon	Adrian	10	...	...	...	...	3	47	21 50
104	WHITE PIGEON	Geo. G. Dupuy	White Pigeon	6	...	...	7	...	...	41	13 02
105	ST. JOHNS	R. Plumstead	St. Johns	5	3	1	6	1	...	31	12 75
106	ST. PETERS	A. S. Cook	Edwardsburgh	12	1	1	4	...	3	35	16 75
107	EUREKA	Geo. Lindley	Monroe	8	1	...	...	...	...	45	14 82
108	ROCKLAND	Thos. W. Flanner	Rockland	4	2	...	6	1	1	49	15 00
109	FENTONVILLE	David H. Baker	Fentonville	12	...	...	3	...	...	56	21 28
110	HIRAM	A. M. Arzeno	Flat Rock	13	...	1	...	...	...	54	20 50
111	ALLEGAN	E. B. Bassett	Allegan	4	...	...	4	...	2	33	13 75
112	WAYNE	E. Hodgkinson	Wayne	9	4	...	...	...	...	40	17 50
113	HAMILTON	Elias Alley	Moscow	15	...	...	...	...	1	65	23 25
114	BLESSFELD	David Carpenter	Blissfield	6	...	...	1	...	...	31	12 00
115	CORUNNA	Hugh McCurdy	Corunna	4	...	...	...	...	...	35	12 30
116	EXELSIOR	Orville R. Dibble	Grass Lake	10	4	1	...	...	...	31	15 20
117	READING	A. B. Strong	Reading	6	3	...	2	...	3	41	15 50
118	SCHOOLCRAFT	Rufus A. Roys	Schoolcraft	21	...	...	6	...	...	45	26 85
119	RISING SUN	Emery O. Briggs	Lawrence	9	...	...	3	...	...	30	14 00
120	CHARLOTTE	Edward S. Lacy	Charlotte	4	4	...	...	...	...	22	9 00
121	COMMERCE	Solon Cooley	Commerce	13	...	...	3	...	...	30	17 75
122	OTTAWA	James M. Kelly	Ottawa	11	3	1	1	...	2	27	14 00
123	ITHICA	W. W. Comstock	Ithica	9	...	...	...	...	...	17	11 00
U. M.	POKAGON	John Byrnes	Pokagon	2	...	...	1	...	1	18	5 25
-	"	O. L. Cowles	Burr Oak	17	2	...	15	34	21 00
-	"	Rev. Isaac Crabb	Fairfield	15	2	...	2	26	18 03

Dispensation forfeited.
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PAY-ROLL—Session of 1861, at Detroit.

No.	LODGES.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL	RECEIVED BY
1	ZION.....	---	---	3 00	3 00	C. M. Young.
2	DETROIT.....	---	---	3 00	3 00	O Bourke.
3	UNION OF S. O.....	---	---	3 00	3 00	J. P. Fiske.
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY....	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	John Woodruff.
5	ROCHESTER.....	28	1 68	3 00	4 68	J. V. Lambertson.
6	MT. CLEMENS.....	20	1 20	3 00	4 20	W. S. Robinson.
7	WASHINGTON.....	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	T. H. Southworth.
8	TRENTON.....	20	1 20	3 00	4 20	N. C. Alvord.
9	EVERGREEN.....	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	G. L. Cornell.
10	DOWAGIAC.....	178	10 6	3 00	13 68	D. M. Heazlit.
11	PINE GROVE.....	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	E. White.
12	BATTLE CREEK.....	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	W. C. Dumphry.
13	PHOENIX.....	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	E. Bogardus.
14	MURAT.....	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	Joseph W. Clark.
16	LaFAYETTE.....	112	6 72	3 00	8 72	Joseph Clark.
17	JACKSON.....	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	Benj. Porter, Jr.
18	TYRE.....	130	7 80	3 00	10 80	A. Allen.
19	ADRIAN.....	72	4 32	3 00	6 32	W. H. Cleveland.
20	ST. ALBANS.....	107	6 42	3 00	9 42	I. Beers, Esq.
21	PONTIAC.....	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	A. B. Mathews.
22	KALAMAZOO.....	143	8 58	3 00	11 58	J. W. Spoor.
23	FLINT.....	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	Wm. M. Fenton.
24	MT. HERMON.....	180	10 80	3 00	13 29	S. Frankish.
25	PAW PAW.....	164	9 84	3 00	12 84	O. C. Simmons.
26	MAXBON.....	80	4 80	3 00	7 80	D. P. Chamberlin.
27	MONROE.....	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	James Darrah.
28	UNION.....	149	8 58	3 00	11 58	E. Perry.
29	HUMANITY.....	107	6 42	3 00	9 42	F. Mead.
30	CONCORD.....	96	5 76	3 00	8 76	J. M. Morrill.
31	PORTLAND.....	130	7 80	3 00	10 80	C. A. Peters.
32	FIDELITY.....	105	6 30	2 80	8 30	A. F. Whelan.
33	LANSING.....	122	7 32	1 60	8 32	S. P. Mead.
34	GRAND RIVER.....	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	B. B. Church.
35	SILOAM.....	170	10 20	3 00	13 20	Thos. Wass, Jr.
36	IONIA.....	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	P. H. Taylor.
37	LYONS.....	120	7 20	2 00	9 20	D. C. Spaulding.
38	HOWELL.....	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	B. H. Lawson.
39	WESTERN STAR.....	200	12 00	2 00	14 75	C. D. Nichols.
41	ROMEO.....	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	A. Palmer.
44	BIRMINGHAM.....	19	1 14	3 00	4 14	Isaac Holton.
46	ORION.....	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	W. E. Littell.
47	PLYMOUTH ROCK.....	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	Thos. J. Dean.
48	AUSTIN.....	48	2 88	3 00	5 88	E. C. Bartlett.
49	MERIDIAN SUN.....	165	9 90	3 00	12 90	J. F. Packard.
50	MICHIGAN.....	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	J. L. Mitchel.
51	ALMONT.....	48	2 78	3 00	5 78	D. W. Hallock.
52	HASTINGS.....	150	9 00	3 00	12 00	Z. Seidmore.
54	LAPRER.....	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	N. B. Eldridge.
55	BACKUS.....	188	11 28	3 00	14 28	S. S. Chapman.
56	OCCIDENTAL.....	216	12 96	3 00	15 96	B. F. Chadwick.
57	THREE RIVERS.....	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	Jno. Cowling.
58	PORT HURON.....	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	W. T. Mitchell.
59	CLIMAX.....	132	7 92	3 00	10 92	Sam'l C. Hodgman.
60	CEDAR.....	35	2 10	3 00	5 10	N. B. Smith.
61	LEXINGTON.....	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	Arthur M. Clark.
63	EATON RAPIDS.....	102	6 12	2 00	8 12	P. W. Rogers.

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64	MACOMB.....	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	G. W. Knapp.
65	WASHTENAW.....	47	2 80	3 00	5 80	Alex. Ewing.
66	CAPITAL OF S. O.....	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	E. P. Siverd.
68	BUCHANAN.....	196	11 76	3 00	14 76	D. Terriere.
69	TECUMSEH.....	85	5 10	-----	-----	-----
70	MASON.....	101	6 06	3 00	9 06	Peter Low.
73	COLON.....	150	9 00	3 00	12 00	A. J. Kinne.
74	DUNDEE.....	68	4 08	3 00	7 08	H. Watling.
75	UTICA.....	27	1 62	3 00	4 62	O. Adams.
76	LIVINGSTON.....	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	C. C. Young.
77	SAGINAW.....	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	J. S. Esterbrook.
78	OTSEGO.....	157	9 42	3 00	12 42	O. Eaton.
79	GERMANIA.....	-----	-----	-----	5 25	M. C. T. Plessner.
80	BYRON.....	65	3 90	-----	7 00	H. B. Southard.
81	OWOSSO.....	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	M. W. Quackenbush.
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR.....	34	2 04	3 00	5 04	H. G. Blanchard.
83	BELLEVUE.....	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	R. B. Hughes.
84	OXFORD.....	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	T. M. Parker.
85	ANN ARBOR.....	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	B. T. Corning.
86	VALLEY CITY.....	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	E. D. Benedict.
88	BUTLER.....	127	7 62	8 00	3 00	Ambrose Lampman.
89	MYRTLE.....	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	L. J. Ford.
90	LOWELL.....	148	8 48	3 00	11 48	Thomas Daniels.
91	ASHLAR.....	-----	-----	3 00	3 00	Geo. B. Ensworth.
92	PRAIRIE.....	131	7 86	2 00	9 86	O. F. Burroughs.
93	STAR.....	111	6 66	2 00	8 66	C. Leonard.
94	CHARITY.....	-----	-----	-----	3 00	Joseph J. Rhodes.
95	J. MOORS.....	97	5 82	2 00	7 82	F. N. Butler.
96	GREENVILLE.....	167	10 02	2 00	7 25	John Lewis.
97	NILES.....	191	11 46	3 00	13 75	J. Loomis.
98	WATERFORD.....	33	1 96	3 00	4 96	S. Cooly.
99	DECATUR.....	167	10 02	3 00	13 02	H. Canoll.
100	OAKWOOD.....	42	2 52	3 00	5 32	L. Fitch.
101	MARQUETTE.....	-----	-----	3 00	3 00	Wm. Brodie.
102	BLANCHARD.....	57	3 42	3 00	6 42	Jas. J. Russell.
103	GREENLY.....	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	G. F. Payne.
104	WHITE PIGEON.....	161	9 66	3 00	12 66	J. E. Johnson.
105	ST. JOHNS.....	100	6 00	3 00	9 00	H. C. Hodge.
106	ST. PETERS.....	203	12 18	3 00	15 18	A. S. Cook.
107	EUREKA.....	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	John M. Oliver.
108	ROCKLAND.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
109	FENTONVILLE.....	60	3 60	2 00	5 60	David H. Baker.
110	HIRAM.....	31	1 86	3 00	4 86	W. A. Chamberlain.
111	ALLEGAN.....	168	10 08	3 00	13 08	R. S. Updyke.
112	WAYNE.....	18	1 08	3 00	4 08	B. Hodgkinson.
113	HAMILTON.....	122	7 36	3 00	10 36	Elias Alley.
114	BLISSFIELD.....	82	4 92	3 00	7 92	D. Carpenter.
115	CORUNNA.....	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	H. McCurdy.
116	EXCELSIOR.....	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	O. R. Dibble.
117	READING.....	126	7 56	2 00	9 56	A. B. Strong.
118	SCHOOLCRAFT.....	160	9 60	2 00	11 60	Preston Taylor.
119	RISEING SUN.....	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	E. O. Briggs.
120	CHARLOTTE.....	137	6 78	-----	-----	-----
121	COMMERCE.....	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	S. Cooly.
122	OTTAWA.....	175	10 50	2 00	12 50	B. L. Piper.

PAY-ROLL—Concluded.

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123	ITHICA.....	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	Wm. W. Comstock.
U. D.	POKAGON.....					
"	EAGLE.....	147	8 82	3 00	11 82	D. L. Cowles.
"	FAIRFIELD.....	78	4 68	2 00	6 68	Isaac Crabb.
"	STOCKBRIDGE.....	74	4 64	3 00	7 64	G. E. Corbin.
"	FOREST.....	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	O. Dodge.
"	OVID.....	90	5 40	3 00	8 40	J. B. Park.
"	YPSILANTI.....	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	J. E. Marvin.
"	BAY CITY.....				5 20	Wm. R. McCormick.
GRAND OFFICERS.						
	Grand Master.....	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	Wm. L. GREENLY.
	Deputy Grand Master.....	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	S. B. BROWN.
	Senior Grand Warden.....	4	2 88	3 00	5 88	D. A. WRIGHT.
	Junior Grand Warden.....	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	A. B. CUDWORTH.
	Grand Chaplain.....				25 00	G. TAYLOR.
	Grand Architect.....			3 00	3 00	A. H. JORDAN.
	Grand Treasurer.....	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	W. J. EDWARDS.
	Grand Visitor and Lecturer.....	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	S. BLANCHARD.
	Senior Grand Deacon.....	47	2 80	3 00	5 80	F. CARLISLE.
	Junior Grand Deacon.....	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	R. B. PIPER.
	Grand Marshal.....			3 00	3 00	J. P. WHITING.
	Grand Sword Bearer.....	132	7 92	3 00	10 92	T. B. ELDRID.
	Grand Pursuivant.....	19	1 14	3 00	4 14	A. PARTRIDGE.
	Grand Steward and Tiler.....				25 00	C. D. HOWARD.
					\$ 1,102 58	

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

*In Correspondence with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, with the Names
and Address of the Grand Secretaries.*

STATES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	T. D. Merrick.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Alex. G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Thomas B. Harris.....	Hamilton, O. W.
Connecticut.....	E. G. Storer.....	New Haven.
Delaware.....	W. S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	G. A. Schwarzman.....	Washington.
Florida.....	John B. Taylor, M. D.....	Tallahassee.
Georgia.....	Simri Rose.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Harman G. Reynolds.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	Francis King.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	T. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Kentucky.....	John M. S. M'Corkle.....	Greensburg.
Kansas.....	Charles Munde.....	Leavenworth City.
Louisiana.....	Samuel G. Risk.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Joseph Robinson.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Charles W. Moore.....	Boston.
Missouri.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	St. Louis.
Mississippi.....	R. W. T. Daniel.....	Natchez.
Minnesota.....	George W. Prescott.....	St. Paul.
New Hampshire.....	Horace Chase.....	Hopkinton.
New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough.....	Trenton.
New York.....	James M. Austin, M. D.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	William T. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Nebraska.....	R. W. Furnas.....	Brownville.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	W. T. F. Patton.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	William H. Adams.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Thomas A. Doyle.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	A. G. Mackey, M. D.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	Charles A. Fuller.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	A. S. Ruthven.....	Galveston.
Virginia.....	John Dove, M. D.....	Richmond.
Vermont.....	John B. Hollenbeck.....	Burlington.
Wisconsin.....	James B. Kellog.....	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory.....	T. M. Reed.....	Olympia.
Grand Orient of France.....	Adolphe Perriere.....	Paris.

LIST OF
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1861.

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

- M. W. HORACE S. ROBERTS, Detroit, Grand Master.
R. W. FRANCIS DARROW, Pontiac, Deputy Grand Master.
W. F. CARLISLE, Dexter, Senior Grand Warden.
“ P. H. TAYLOR, Ionia, Junior Grand Warden.
M. REV. GEORGE TAYLOR, Ann Arbor, Grand Chaplain.
W. ALBERT H. JORDAN, Detroit, Grand Architect.
“ JAMES FENTON, Detroit, Grand Secretary.
“ W. H. McOMBER, Niles, Grand Treasurer.
“ STILMAN BLANCHARD, Tecumseh, G'd Visitor and Lecturer.
“ M. AYERS, Fentonville, Senior Grand Deacon.
“ B. B. PIPER, Hudson, Junior Grand Deacon.
“ JOSEPH P. WHITING, Detroit, Grand Marshal.
“ A. PARTRIDGE, Birmingham, Grand Sword Bearer.
“ A. B. CUDWORTH, Pontiac, Grand Pursuivant.
CHAS. D. HOWARD, Detroit, Grand Steward and Tiler.

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. and A.
Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the second
Wednesday in January, 1862, at the City of Detroit.

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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, and the resolution of the last session, at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (8th,) A. L. 5862.

PRESENT:

R. W. FRANCIS DARROW,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
W. F. CARLISLE,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" P. H. TAYLOR,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
M. REV. GEORGE TAYLOR,	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
W. JAMES FENTON,	GRAND SECRETARY.
" R. W. LANDON,	GRAND TREASURER.
" STILMAN BLANCHARD,	GR'D VISITOR AND LECTURER.
" M. AYERS,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
" R. B. PIPER,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
" JOSEPH P. WHITING,	GRAND MARSHAL.
" A. PARTRIDGE,	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
" A. B. CUDWORTH,	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
CHAS. D. HOWARD,	GRAND STEWARD AND TILER.

At high twelve, the R. W. D. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. GEORGE TAYLOR, Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then appointed Brothers GEORGE W. WILSON, A. B. CUDWORTH, and JOHN N. GOTT, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit:

- No. 1—*Zion*—Hon. Henry A. Morrow, W. M.; G. Noble, S. W.;
E. G. Allen, J. W.
- No. 2—*Detroit*—Levi Cook, P. G. M.; Oliver Bourke, W. M.;
Wm. C. Colborn, S. W.; John Stirling, J. W.; Wm.
Barclay, L. P. M.
- No. 3—*Union of S. O.*—Jas. Fenton, W. M.; Thos. Hurst, S. W.;
L. T. Griffen, J. W.; John P. Fiske, L. P. M.
- No. 4—*St. Joseph Valley*—John Woodruff, M. and Rep. S. W.;
Wm. Graves, Rep. J. W.
- No. 5—*Rochester*—Not represented.
- No. 6—*Mt. Clemens*—W. S. Robinson, M.; Hon. R. P. Eldridge,
J. W.
- No. 7—*Washington*—Theron Hamilton, W. M., and Rep. of
Lodge.
- No. 8—*Trenton*—A. McIlhinney, M.; Thos. G. Limbocker, S. W.;
Geo. B. Coville, J. W.
- No. 9—*Evergreen*—Andrew J. Cummings and John Clark, Rep. of
Lodge.
- No. 10—*Dowagiac*—P. D. Beckwith, W. M. and Rep.
- No. 11—*Pine Grove*—J. S. Crellin, W. M.; Edgar White, S. W.;
D. McKellar, J. W.
- No. 12—*Battle Creek*—T. H. Tracey, W. M.; Justin P. Averill,
Rep. S. W.; L. L. Livingston, J. W.
- No. 13—*Phenix*—David Edwards, M.; John G. Brown, S. W.;
W. G. Cox, J. W.; C. F. Ashley, L. P. M.
- No. 14—*Murat*—F. W. Sheldon, M.; Geo. N. Cady, Rep. S. W.;
Milton Osborn, Rep. J. W.
- No. 16—*La Fayette*—Wm. Sinclair, W. M.; Rev. Levi H. Cerson,
Rep. S. and J. W.

- No. 17—*Jackson*—Benj. Porter, Jr., P. G. V. and W. M.; B. B. Baker, S. W.; B. F. Eggleston, Rep. J. W.
- No. 18—*Tyre*—S. L. Dart, W. M.; A. L. Lyttle, S. W.; D. Bovee, J. W.
- No. 19—*Adrian*—Wm. F. King, M. and Rep.
- No. 20—*St. Albans*—Henry A. Tillotson, W. M. and Rep. for S. W.; Richard Sinclair, J. W.; Isaac Beers, L. P. M.
- No. 21—*Pontiac*—Mark Walters, S. W. and Rep. M.; Cyrus Peabody, Rep. J. W.; A. B. Mathews, L. P. M.
- No. 22—*Kalamazoo*—A. T. Metcalf, W. M.; G. W. Lyon, S. W. and Rep. J. W.
- No. 23—*Flint*—E. S. Williams, M.; Daniel Clark, Rep. S. W.; Wm. Clark, J. W.
- No. 24—*Mt. Hermon*—Peter M. Gray, W. M.; John F. Wolff, Rep. S. W.
- No. 25—*Paw Paw*—Orville C. Simmons, Rep. and S. W.; Thos. H. Stephenson, J. W.
- No. 26—*Marion*—D. R. Stroud, M.; J. B. Pratt, Rep. S. W.; Seymour Hamlin, J. W.
- No. 27—*Monroe*—E. G. Morton, S. W.; F. Raleigh, J. W.
- No. 28—*Union*—Not represented.
- No. 29—*Humanity*—Dwight Nims, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 30—*Concord*—A. J. Paddock, M.; Jas. M. Morrell, Rep. J. W.; W. N. Keeler, S. W.
- No. 31—*Portland*—C. A. Peters, W. M. and Rep. S. W.; W. W. Bogue, Rep. J. W.
- No. 32—*Fidelity*—Not represented.
- No. 33—*Lansing*—Asahel W. Nichols, Rep of Lodge.
- No. 34—*Grand River*—Lovell Moore, M.; L. A. Rogers, S. W.
- No. 35—*Siloam*—Thos. G. Green, M. and Rep.
- No. 36—*Ionia*—W. B. Welles, M.; Geo. W. Wilson, Rep. J. W.; E. P. Worden, S. W.; P. H. Taylor, L. P. M.
- No. 37—*Lyons*—D. C. Spalding, W. M. and Rep. J. W.; Walter Halstead, S. W.
- No. 38—*Howell*—Sardus F. Hubbell, M.; Mylo L. Gay, S. W.
- No. 39—*Western Star*—Jas. Graham, Rep of Lodge.
- No. 40—*Franklin*—Ira Carpenter, Rep. of Lodge.

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- No. 41—*Romeo*—Abijah Palmer, Rep. W. M. and S. W.; Samuel Waycott, Rep. S. W.
- No. 44—*Birmingham*—A. Partridge, W. M.; Beverly Beardsley, Rep. J. W.; Henry Gardner, Rep. S. W.
- No. 46—*Orion*—Otis C. Thompson, M. and Rep.
- No. 47—*Plymouth Rock*—Thomas J. Dean, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 48—*Austin*—David A. Wright, M.; Wm. L. Valteau, S. W.; John Hawley, J. W.
- No. 49—*Meridian Sun*—N. J. Packard, W. M.; Ira F. Packard, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 50—*Michigan*—O. H. McConnell, Rep. W. M.; H. C. Mead, S. W.; C. Warriner, J. W.
- No. 51—*Almont*—Dan. W. Richardson, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 52—*Hastings*—Wm. S. Goodyear, S. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 54—*Lapeer*—J. M. Wattles, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 55—*Backus*—Arthur Smith, M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 56—*Occidental*—Warren Chapman, M. and Rep.
- No. 57—*Three Rivers*—John Cowling, M. and Rep. J. W.; D. H. Lord, S. W.
- No. 58—*Port Huron*—Wm. T. Mitchell, M. and Rep.
- No. 59—*Climax*—Horace Arnold, M. and Rep.
- No. 60—*Cedar*—N. B. Smith, M.; Wm. Vleet, S. W.; R. Peters, J. W.
- No. 61—*Lexington*—Arthur M. Clark, M.; John Devine, S. W. Anson E. Chadwick, J. W.
- No. 62—*S. Ward*—Benjamin Horton, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 63—*Eaton Rapids*—Thos. S. S. Havens, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 64—*Macomb*—Not represented.
- No. 65—*Washtenaw*—Geo. H. Lyon, M.; Norman A. Phelps, S. W.; Wm. Eamans, J. W.; F. Carlisle, L. P. M.
- No. 66—*Capital of S. O.*—E. E. Beebe, M. and Rep.
- No. 67—*Ontonagon*—J. B. Wayne, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 68—*Buchanan*—N. Hamilton, M.; Hiram F. Strong, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 69—*Tecumseh*—Lucius Lilley, M. and Rep.
- No. 70—*Mason*—C. H. Sackrider, M. and Rep. S. W.
- No. 71—*Mackinack*—Not represented.

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- No. 73—*Colon*—Andrew J. Kinne, M.
No. 74—*Dundee*—A. C. Lambert, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 75—*Utica*—Joseph C. Davis, S. W. and Rep. M.; Wm. P. Wells, J. W.
No. 76—*Livingston*—C. W. Haze, M.; Leland Walker, S. W.; C. C. Young, Rep. J. W.
No. 77—*Saginaw*—Wm. J. Bartow, M. and Rep. J. W.; J. W. Toms, S. W.
No. 78—*Otsego*—Orson Eaton, M. and Rep.
No. 79—*Germania*—Not represented.
No. 80—*Byron*—Robert Fox, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 81—*Owosso*—E. Leach, M.; H. Knill, S. W.
No. 82—*Lake St. Clair*—H. G. Blanchard, M. and Rep.; Charles Terry, L. P. M.
No. 83—*Bellevue*—Martin S. Brackett, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 84—*Oxford*—P. M. Parker, M. and Rep. S. W.; J. K. Tindall, J. W.
No. 85—*Ann Arbor*—John N. Gott, W. M.; Benjamin Watts, S. W.; Patrick Wall, J. W.
No. 86—*Valley City*—Julius Leonard, Rep. of Lodge; E. D. Benedict, L. P. M.
No. 87—*Anchor of S. O.*—Not represented.
No. 88—*Butler*—Not represented.
No. 89—*Myrtle*—E. R. Thornton, Rep. M. and S. W.; M. R. Strong, J. W.
No. 90—*Lowell*—Thomas Daniels, Rep. M. and J. W.; B. G. Wilson, S. W.
No. 91—*Ashlar*—Reuben Bullman, M.; J. A. Barns, S. W.; Henry Starkey, J. W.
No. 92—*Prairie*—Wm. A. Blake, Rep. M. and S. W.; C. U. Cole, J. W.
No. 93—*Star*—Chauncey Leonard, M. and Rep.
No. 94—*Charity*—A. W. Copeland, Rep. M.; Wm. Walker, S. W.; B. F. Stamm, J. W.
No. 95—*Jeremiah Moors*—Flavel N. Butler, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 96—*Greenville*—M. Rider, M.

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- No. 97—*Niles*—Joel Loomis, M. and Rep.
No. 98—*Waterford*—F. W. Fifield, M. and Rep. J. W.; Calvin Rose, S. W.
No. 99—*Decatur*—H. Canoll, M. and Rep.
No. 100—*Oakwood*—Lucius Fitch, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 101—*Marquette*—Not represented.
No. 102—*Blanchard*—James J. Russell, M.; Wm. Russell. S. W.; Rev. D. B. Tracey, Rep. J. W.; Wm. Corbin, L. P. M.
No. 103—*Greenly*—Geo. F. Payne, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 104—*White Pigeon*—J. Eastman Johnson, Rep. M.; Jacob J. Fox, S. W. and Rep. J. W.
No. 105—*St. Johns*—J. W. Paine, W.; Moses Bartow, Rep. S. and J. W.; R. Plumstead, L. P. M.
No. 106—*St. Peters*—A. S. Cook, Rep of Lodge.
No. 107—*Eureka*—Dr. C. T. Southworth, W. M.; H. S. Noble, Rep. S. and J. W.
No. 108—*Rockland*—Not represented.
No. 109—*Fentonville*—D. H. Baker, M.; Geo. Wilmot, S. W.; M. Ayres, L. P. M.
No. 110—*Hiram*—John S. Gregory, M. and Rep. J. W.; W. A. Chamberlin, S. W.
No. 111—*Allegan*—E. B. Bassett, M.; A. S. Butler, S. W.
No. 112—*Wayne*—B. Hodgkinson, M.; G. Walker, S. W.; Warren Curtis, J. W.
No. 113—*Hamilton*—Isaac Hopper, M.; J. D. Van Dyn, S. W.; V. V. B. Mervin, J. W.
No. 114—*Blissfield*—John B. Clement, M. and Rep. S. W.; A. A. Tennent, J. W.
No. 115—*Corunna*—Hugh McCurdy, M.; Seth Pettibone, S. W.; John M. Fitch, Rep. J. W.
No. 116—*Excelsior*—O. R. Dibble, W. M.; Samuel Bunker, S. W.; W. D. Pease, Rep. J. W.
No. 117—*Reading*—Wm. F. Turner, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 118—*Schoolcraft*—J. W. Baker, M. and Rep.
No. 119—*Rising Sun*—Emory O. Briggs, M. and Rep.
No. 120—*Charlotte*—Edward S. Lacey, M. and Rep.
No. 121—*Commerce*—Solon Cooley, M.

- No. 122—*Ottawa*—B. L. Piper, M. and Rep.
 No. 123—*Ithica*—Wm. W. Comstock, M. and Rep. J. W.; Elijah Peck, S. W.
 No. 124—*Eagle*—O. F. Cowles, M.; P. L. Cowles, W. M.
 No. 125—*Fairfield*—Abner Tuttle, M; Francis Grandy, J. W. and Rep. S. W.
 No. 126—*Forest*—Oliver Dodge, M. and Rep.
 No. 127—*Ovid*—J. M. Fitch, Rep. M. and J. W.; Wm. Sickles, S. W.
 No. 128—*Ypsilanti*—Jarvis E. Marvin, Rep. M. and L. P. M.; E. M. Cole, Rep. J. W.
 No. 129—*Bay City*—John S. Judson, Rep. of Lodge.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the R. W. D. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in DUE FORM.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 4 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 P. M.

The R. W. D. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons, in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

On Grievances—Bros. W. T. MITCHELL, DAVID A. WRIGHT, and WILLIAM WALKER.

On Examination—Bros. H. McCURDY, L. LILLEY, and S. L. DART.

On Accounts—Bros. A. M. CLARK, O. BOURKE, and T. HURST.

On motion, all petitions and requests pertaining to Lodges now working under dispensation, be referred to the standing committee on examination, together with the transcripts of their proceedings and copies of their By-Laws.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

In consequence of the absence of our M. W. Grand Master from the State, the duty of addressing you at this time devolves upon me.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the highly favorable and prosperous condition of the Order within our jurisdiction, and to heartily welcome you to another anniversary of our time-honored institution. We meet from year to year, to express the right-hearted, manly, and honest sentiments which we cherish for the Order.

When we contemplate the great object which has called us together to-day, we esteem it no small privilege to confer with you. We meet as lovers of our noble principles, and to us is entrusted the sacred duty of preserving them in their purity and simplicity. Let it be our aim, at this meeting, to authenticate anew our principles; to stir up each other's affections, and to nerve each other's hearts for the struggles of the future.

At our last anniversary, a cloud, indeed, not much larger than a man's hand, was discernible in our national affairs, and the mutterings of a coming storm were distinctly heard; but many imagined that the indications of trouble were transitory, and few, if any, anticipated the extent and duration of the evils that threatened our beloved country. Very soon, however, after our annual meeting, the heavens were covered with clouds, and the storm commenced in its fury. From that period, it has raged without abatement. Never, since the formation of our government, have we witnessed such a state of affairs as now exists. Never was there a period in the history of this government which more imperiously demanded

the exercise of a cool and dispassionate judgment, than the present. Never were our institutions surrounded with more difficulties. Never was there a crisis so full of danger, demanding the exercise of a larger, purer patriotism, than the present. In view of these dangers, the question is, how shall we, as Masons, act? In the ancient charges, we are taught that "A Mason is to be a peaceable subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation." He is also solemnly charged, that in the State, he is to be a quiet and peaceable subject, true to his government and just to his country; that he is not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which he lives. While, therefore, my brethren, we can not put forth our hands to steady the ark, we can, as Masons, unite with our brethren everywhere throughout our land in unceasing, peaceable effort, and constant invocation of the Great Architect of the Universe, to save us from the dangers which threaten our beloved country, and that the clouds and darkness that now overshadow us, may be dispelled, and that the bright sun of peace, concord, and brotherly love, may dispel the gloom, and shed its rays of hope and confidence, and love throughout the land, filling the hearts of all with gratitude and joy.

In May last, I received a printed circular, signed by the officers of the M. W. G. L. of Tennessee, asking the co-operation of this Grand Lodge to secure a peaceful solution and settlement of our national difficulties, and to restore peace to our unhappy country. The committee on foreign correspondence will lay this circular before you; I trust you will give it that consideration which its importance demands.

On the 24th day of June last, I visited the city of Coldwater, and with the assistance of our worthy and venerable Grand Lecturer, dedicated a new Masonic Hall, in due form. The services of the dedication were accompanied by a public address, delivered by a reverend brother of the Episcopal Church. The address was listened to by a large and attentive audience, and was truly a most excellent one, and will leave a deep and lasting impression upon

the minds of the hearers. At the conclusion of the dedicatory services, an elegant repast was provided by the wives and daughters of the Masons of that place. The hall thus dedicated, is a spacious and convenient one, and reflects great honor upon the Masons of that city.

During the past year, applications have been made to me, for letters of dispensation, to form and open Military Lodges, in several of the regiments, wherever they may be stationed. These applications I have invariably refused, for jurisdictional, constitutional, and other reasons. I am aware that Military Lodges have been attached to English regiments, but such restrictions have been imposed as seem to me to destroy their utility. The regulations to which they are subject, are as follows: "No warrant can be granted, without the consent of the commanding officer; neither can the Lodge initiate any inhabitant in the place where the regiment is located, nor any person belonging to the military profession, below the rank of corporal." In regard to the question of jurisdiction, my opinion is fully sustained by the following authorities. Bro. ROB. MORRIS, in his Synopsis of Masonic Law, says:

"The jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge extends to the boundary of the State, Province or Territory in which it is found. Over all Lodges and individual Masons therein it has primary and exclusive rule. The violation of Masonic jurisdiction is a high misdemeanor in Masonry, and has led to many and serious altercations between brethren."

Bro. MAOKEY, in his principles of Masonic Law, lays down the following rule in regard to Subordinate Lodges: "Its geographical, as well as personal jurisdiction, can extend no further than that of its own Grand Lodge." The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as long ago as 1783, settled this question for itself, and it should be the settled Masonic policy of the country. It declared "that no person or persons ought, or can, consistently with the rules of ancient Masonry, use or exercise the powers or prerogatives of an ancient Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, make Masons, appoint superior or Grand Officers, receive dues, or do anything which belongs to the powers or prerogatives of a Grand Lodge, within any part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the rightful and appropriate limits to which the

authority of this Grand Lodge forever hereafter extends." We have here the policy declared, and the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge defined, and upon the maintenance of this principle between our Grand Lodges depend their peace and harmony. If the opinions of these eminent Masonic writers and the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts are correct, then it follows that the Grand Lodge of Michigan cannot legally grant warrants or charters to any body of brethren to form and open Lodges, make Masons, or in any way to interfere within the jurisdiction of any sister Grand Lodge.

These petitions are herewith submitted for your consideration, and suitable action thereon.

Applications for dispensations have been made to me by several of the Subordinate Lodges to confer the degrees upon individuals who had joined the army and were about to depart for the seat of war. Believing that in these cases the power could be consistently exercised, and that they were cases of actual emergency, (all other requisites being satisfactory,) I granted them.

I have, during the past year, issued letters of dispensation for the establishment of the following Lodges, viz.: One at Newaygo, to be called Newaygo Lodge; one at Holly, to be called Holly Lodge; one at Memphis, to be called Memphis Lodge. On the — of — last, the hall of Meridian Sun Lodge was destroyed by fire, and their charter burned. A dispensation was granted them free of charge. They will undoubtedly apply for a charter at this session, which I trust will be granted without fee.

Innumerable questions of Masonic jurisprudence have been propounded to me, to all of which I have given answers.

At the last meeting of this Grand Lodge a committee was appointed to examine in how far the work in the three degrees, as practiced in this State, differs from that as taught by Bro. ROB. MORRIS, and report the result of their examination at this communication. The report will undoubtedly be presented in due time for your consideration. I hope that the relative merits of the two systems will be thoroughly discussed by you. Uniformity of work and lectures are, in my opinion, of paramount importance, and if you will direct your efforts towards the accomplishment of this object, harmony will take the place of confusion. Every member of the Order should be

familiar with the work. The Mason who neglects to make himself master of the work is never enabled fully to appreciate the beauties of Masonic science, nor to understand its symbollic language. To the intelligent man, it is but necessary to understand the work in order to delight in it, for its beauties, full of deep meaning, cannot but be attractive. Let me, therefore, enjoin on all and every one of you an industrious study of our work; let every one among you endeavor to be most perfect in its execution. Nor is it to be forgotten that strict accuracy is an important feature in our work and language, and that, without it, its uniformity everywhere, which enables us at all times to understand the Masonic language, would be destroyed; or, to use the eloquent words of another:

“The habits of order in this institution are as distinguishable in words as in things. Indeed, my brethren, with us, in many particulars, words are things; and in all our proceedings it is of great importance that the words used should be exact; synonyms are inadmissible, and, though the sense may be inferred from the order of words, or the selection of phrases, yet if these are not conformable to the standard of the institution, they are inadmissible. In all our record of proceedings, and all that concerns ourselves alone, the prescribed language of the craft must be used, and no variation tolerated. Every term peculiar to our Order, or every collection of words that is distinctly Masonic, has with us a use: is peculiarly expressive: it marks some meaning in our proceedings, or in our symbols, and should be precious to us for its distinctive quality.”

Since our last meeting the Grand Lodge of Vermont has been called to mourn the loss of her Grand Master, the Hon. PHILIP C. TUCKER, who was a good and faithful Mason: the fraternity at large will mourn his loss.

Death has also entered our portals and removed from among us our esteemed friend and brother, WILLIAM H. McOMBER, the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge. Truly, my brethren, in the midst of life we are in death. Let us mingle our heartfelt sympathies with the mourning relatives of the deceased.

In conclusion, I would say, that to your care is committed the reputation of the Order, and may harmony and peace characterize

all your deliberations, and may you be guided by that wisdom which is from above, in all your doings.

F. DARROW.

On motion of Bro. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, the address of the R. W. D. Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, to divide and refer it to appropriate committees.

Bros. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, Rev. L. H. CORSON, and H. McCURDY, were appointed such committee.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The special committee on dividing and referring the D. Grand Master's address, made the following

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the R. W. D. Grand Master's address, for the purpose of the apportionment of the same to appropriate committees, do respectfully report:

That we recommend so much as refers to the present condition of our national affairs, and the Circular Letter received from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, be referred to a special committee of seven.

That so much as refers to the establishment of Military Lodges, to be attached to the different regiments of Michigan, now in the national service, be referred to a special committee of five.

That so much as refers to Meridian Sun Lodge, be referred to the standing committee on examinations.

That so much as refers to the death of our Grand Treasurer, W. H. McOMBER, be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
L. H. CORSON,
H. McCURDY.

The R. W. D. Grand Master appointed the following brethren on such committees, respectively:

On Union Affairs, etc.—Bros. Hon. H. A. MORROW, J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, THERON HAMILTON, Rev. L. H. CORSON, Hon. R. P. ELDRIDGE, and E. G. MORTON.

On Military Lodges—Bros. J. FENTON, A. B. CUDWORTH, J. E. MARVIN, B. PORTER, Jr., and E. E. BEEBE.

On the Death of Bro. McOmber—Rev. L. H. CORSON, and J. WOODRUFF.

W. Bro. P. H. TAYLOR offered the following resolution, which was referred to a special committee on Masonic Law :

Resolved, That Bro. PHILANDER HINDS, expelled from Ionia Lodge, No. 36, be, and he is hereby, restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, in pursuance of the recommendation of said Lodge, herewith presented.

The R. W. D. Grand Master appointed Bros. Hon. R. P. ELDRIDGE, J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, and W. T. MITCHELL, such committee.

The W. Grand Secretary then presented the following letter, just received, from M. W. HORACE S. ROBERTS, Grand Master :

ANAPOLIS JUNCTION, MD., Jan. 4th, 1862.

R. W. JAS. FENTON, GRAND SECRETARY :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—For the first time in twelve years, I shall be absent when the roll of our Grand Lodge is called, at the coming session. I had hoped, until lately, that I might have met my dear brethren where we have so often legislated for the craft, in Michigan, and discharged the duties of the position to which their suffrages called me at our last Grand Communication. It cannot be; and I make the sacrifice, confident that my brethren will justify me in my absence, in the belief that my duties here cannot be neglected for a day.

My only official acts of importance, you will be good enough to communicate from your files.

I trust you will have a pleasant and satisfactory session; that your acts will all redound to the credit of the institution, and I pray that in these exciting times, when men and States seem to be running into insanity, the Masonic institution will be conservative, as of old, intermeddling not with questions which do not concern it, and retaining the respect and admiration of the world.

HORACE S. ROBERTS,
Grand Master.

Bro. DART called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that Butler Lodge, No. 88, had (without authority) changed its place of meeting; whereupon, the R. W. D. Grand Master, on motion to that effect, appointed Bros. Rev. L. H. CORSON, JOHN CLARK, and D. H. LORD, a special committee to examine and report upon the matter.

The W. Grand Treasurer then made the following report, which was referred to the standing committee on accounts:

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

Your Grand Treasurer would respectfully present the following report:

1861.			
March 13.	Received of Grand Secretary,		\$2,232 33
1862.			
Jan'y 6.	" of Executors of W. H. McOmbre, late }		
	Grand Treasurer,	}	221 87
			<u>\$2,454,20</u>
1861.			
March 13.	Amount of Pay Roll		\$1,102 58
"	Paid Warrant No. 125, Free Press,		141 17
"	" " 126, Richmond & Backus,		16 00
"	" " 127, " " "		9 00
"	" " 128, Union Lodge, S. O.,		10 00
"	" " Monroe Chapter, No. 1,		50 00
"	" " 130, Camanche Lodge, Iowa,		25 00
"	" " 131, Postage,		18 00
"	" " 132, Appropriation,		50 00
" 22,	" " 133, S. Blanchard,		70 00
April 8,	" " 134, W. S. Greenly,		25 00
"	" " 135, J. J. Randall,		40 00
" 19,	" " 136, S. Blanchard,		50 00
May 21,	" " 137, J. J. Randall,		60 00
" 26,	" " 138, S. Blanchard,		100 00
June 17,	" " 139, S. Blanchard,		50 00
" 27,	" " 140, J. Fenton,		175 00
Aug. 15,	" " 141, S. Blanchard,		80 00
Nov. 18,	" " 142, S. Blanchard,		50 00

Dec. 2.	Paid Warrant No. 143, S. Blanchard,	\$70 00
" 11,	" " 144, S. Blanchard,	50 00
" 20,	" " 145, S. Blanchard,	50 00
" 31,	" " 146, S. Blanchard,	60 00
1862.		
Jan'y 8,	" " 147, S. Blanchard,	10 00
"	Balance on hand this date,	92 45
		<hr/> \$2,454 20

All of which, with the vouchers, is most respectfully submitted.

R. W. LONDON,
Grand Treasurer.

The standing committee on foreign correspondence then made the following

R E P O R T.

TO THE W. M. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

THE Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that in February last they mailed printed copies of the proceedings of the last session of this Grand Lodge to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, and in return we acknowledge the receipt of copies of the transactions of the following :

Arkansas, November, 1860.
Alabama, December, 1869.
Canada, July, 1861.
California, May, 1860.
Georgia, October, 1860.
Kansas, October, 1860,
Indiana, May, 1861.
Massachusetts, March, 1860.
Maryland, Annual Meeting November, 1860, and Semi-Annual May, 1861.
Maine, May, 1861.
Missouri, May, 1861.

Mississippi, January, 1861.
New York, June, 1861.
New Jersey, January, 1851.
North Carolina, December, 1860.
Nebraska, June, 1861.
Pennsylvania, " During the year 1860."
Rhode Island, June, 1861.
Tennessee, October, 1860.
Vermont, January, 1861.
Virginia, December, 1860.
Wisconsin, June, 1861.
Washington Territory, Sept., 1860.

After a careful reading of the many pages enumerated above, we have made such selections as we deemed of interest, the difficulty constantly being to condense the matter within reasonable limits. It would be easier by far, paradoxical as it may appear, to have extended their report far beyond the length either expected or desired.

With respect to the political condition of the country, we have found the brethren of the various jurisdictions, as it were, holding their breath, and deprecating the strife, and while disclaiming either their right or their duty as *Masons* to enter the conflict, yet we find a disposition on the part of our brethren in other jurisdictions to acknowledge the brotherly tie, and as much as in them lies, to soften, both by precept and example, the asperities naturally engendered by the lamentable state of facts now existing.

We show ourselves interested in the doings of our neighbors by reciting their acts, rejoicing with those that do rejoice, and mourning with those who weep; but if, forgetful of the admonition to judge with candor and admonish with friendship, we should harshly criticise and officiously obtrude our views upon others of different ideosyncrasies and of dissimilar tastes, we should make ourselves repulsive, and render our kind offices suspected.

When our neighbors follow their own convictions of propriety, and consult their own convenience, we have no excuse for questioning their motives or challenging their acts, unless those acts would seem to jeopardise our own material or moral interests; it is in this spirit that we have reviewed the transactions of our sister Grand Lodges.

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THE annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in December, 1860, at the city of Montgomery, M. W. RICHARD H. EAVIN presiding, who reports that the cause of Masonry has prospered in peace and unity in their jurisdiction. Their pleasure was mingled with painful emotions; the South was draped in mourning, presided over by a brother of *pro tem.* appointment, as indicating the fact that their Junior Grand Warden, S. D. MOORE, was no more. Twelve months before, they mourned the death of JAS. A. WHITTAKER, P. J. G. W., and but a few years before the Grand Lodge had cause to mourn in the death of the then Junior Grand Warden, GEORGE W. GAINES. Truly has the pall of fatality fallen upon the South.

The Grand Master recommends that petitioners for a dispensation should file with the Grand Secretary their demits, before a dispensation should be issued by him, and thus prevent a habit of loaning for the creation of new Lodges, it being questionable whether they have not now more Lodges than can maintain a healthy and true Masonic life.

The committee on the trust fund reported, that several sums of money had been loaned to brethren in 1851, 1852, and 1854, at seven per cent. interest, to be invested in the construction, furnishing, and equipment of the Talladega Female College. The enterprise was a failure. Among the loans then made was one of the sum of \$2,753, for which three brothers and one not a brother gave their note. This was put in suit, and defended by the party not a Mason, on the ground that the Lodge had no power to loan money under its charter, and his defense was sustained both by the Circuit and Supreme Courts. This and the other claims against Masonic borrowers they propose to compromise by their paying about fifty cents on the dollar.

STEPHEN F. HALE was elected Grand Master, and DANIEL SAYRE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

THE annual meeting was held in November, 1860. Grand Master ENGLISH issued thirteen dispensations for new Lodges. He recommends brethren not to leave the parent Lodge and undertake to raise up a new family, until they are thoroughly capable, not only to govern, but to instruct their children in all the mysteries of Masonry, so that the new family may be an honor to the parent Lodge and a credit to the fraternity. In 1838, the representatives of three Lodges met and organized the Grand Lodge; in 1849, when Grand Master ENGLISH was first elected, the number of Lodges had increased to thirty-five; they now number one hundred and sixty-two.

The business of the session was entirely of a local character.

M. W. E. H. ENGLISH and R. W. T. D. MERRICK were each re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively.

CANADA.

THE sixth annual communication was held at London, in July, 1861. Grand Master HARRINGTON, in his opening address, remarks, that as the sight of land to a seaman, after a long voyage, tacitly banishes every quarrel and drives into oblivion every harsh word and unfriendly look, so ought the effect to be of our arrival, after a lengthy interval, in this our *Grand Harbor of Free Masonry*. He finds cause of congratulation in the steady progression, increasing importance, and high respectability of the Craft in Canada. He issued *thirteen* dispensations to form new Lodges during the year. He admonishes the Lodges to practice the greatest caution in receiving candidates, remarking that their prosperity depends more on the *quality* than on the quantity of the material admitted.

The several D. D. Grand Masters made reports, stating in detail their doings and the condition of the Craft. M. W. Bro. ROB. MORRIS was received with the usual Masonic honors.

The year before a committee was appointed to consider a memorial on the subject of a Masonic Asylum. They made a lengthy report, and enumerate the nature of the different institutions which have been erected under the auspices of Free Masonry in different parts of the world. They state them to consist of, 1st, schools, 2d, hospitals and dispensaries, 3d, insurance and annuity institutions, and 4th, asylums. For the first three liberal provision has been made from other sources; they, therefore, favor the formation of an asylum, the internal arrangement of which to be, 1st, apartments for the reception of Masons, 2d, apartments for widows or other female relatives, 3d, apartments for orphans, and as subsidiary, the Grand Secretary's office, and suggest that perhaps the Grand Lodge may decide to make him Secretary and Bursar of the institution. They recommend that its commencement should not be undertaken until at least \$20,000 is ready and available for the purpose, and to bring the subject prominently before the Craft, a circular was sent to all W. Masters, and the M. E. the First Grand Principal Z. of Royal Arch Masons, and to the V. E. Provincial Grand Commander of Knight Templars, inviting co-operation.

The Grand Master informed them that Miners' Lodge, No. 273, Galena, had advanced \$58.90, for the purpose of defraying the funeral expenses, etc., of a brother Mason, (who had died in their midst, leaving a widow and children in distressed circumstances,) hailing from Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville. It appeared that Jerusalem Lodge was endeavoring to evade the payment of it, upon a plea of inability, whereupon the Grand Treasurer was authorized to transmit the amount to Miners' Lodge, with its regret at what appears to be such unmasonic conduct on the part of a Lodge under their jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. FINLAY M. KING, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, was introduced by a deputation, and on being introduced, was courteously addressed and welcomed by the Grand Master, and returned his acknowledgments for the kind and hearty greeting, and assured them of the generous and fraternal feelings entertained for them by the great constituency whom he had the honor to represent.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

CALIFORNIA.

THIS Grand Lodge held their annual communication in May, 1860, with a full representation of subordinate Lodges, M. W. N. GREEN CURTIS, presiding. His opening address is short. He says, the world is a wide brotherhood, and all are brethren who have entered the portals of our Temple. Nations may be excited to animosity, and wars may be waged; armies may meet in deadly conflict, and fields be drenched in blood; still enemies in war, and through all the political convulsions to which nations may be heirs, *Masons* are friends and brothers. He issued dispensations to form seven new Lodges. A communication was received from the brethren of Hawaiian Lodge, exhibiting a zeal and earnestness in the discharge of their Masonic duties, which entitles them to the highest commendation. It is a source of pleasure to know, that the most intimate fraternal relations now exist between that Lodge and the Lodge *Le Progres de l'Oceanic*, (at the same place, but working under another jurisdiction,) and that they vie with each other only in deeds of noble benevolence and charity.

The committee on foreign correspondence, Bro. JAMES L. ENGLISH, chairman, acknowledge the receipt of our proceedings of last year; owing to absence from the State, and pressing engagements while in it, prevented him from giving either time or mind to the preparation of a report, requiring the reading and digesting of a pile of published proceedings three and a half feet high. In them they have seen many things which, under other circumstances, would have received at least a passing notice. They say they have seen some things which are ridiculous, others which are erroneous and some even absurd, but since they commenced, the health of the writer, together with his heart sickness, caused by the political troubles now agitating our beloved land, has been such, that he has not been able to make full use of even the few scattered moments he could devote to his work.

In order to provide a fund for the payment of the traveling expenses of delegates, it was ordered, that each subordinate Lodge pay one dollar a

member to constitute a special fund to be called "The Representative Fund," in addition to the amount at present levied.

It was asked, whether a Lodge can proceed to try a Master Mason under suspension for non-payment of dues, for unmasonic conduct, without first restoring him? Answer—It can. The Lodge having jurisdiction to try a suspended Mason on charges of further unmasonic conduct, and to inflict such further punishment as it may deem proper.

On reading their record, we can but admire the patience with which they adjudicated and acted upon numerous petitions and memorials presented, involving many questions of local law, but a recital of which would hardly be of general interest sufficient to warrant its being made the subject of a lengthy report at our hands.

BRO. JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH was elected Grand Master, and BRO. ALEXANDER G. ABELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We should have said, that on the fifteenth day of May, 1860, the Grand Lodge, with appropriate ceremonies, laid the corner stone of the State capitol in the city of Sacramento, after which they sat down to a banquet in the great hall of the State Agricultural Society's pavilion. The hall was beautifully decorated, and a fine band of music was in attendance. Nearly four hundred were seated at the festive board, the Grand Master presiding.

GEORGIA.

THE annual communication was held in October, 1860. Grand Master ROCKWELL expresses himself gratified to announce to them, that no discordant note has officially come to his notice to mar the harmony of the craft in his jurisdiction, yet notwithstanding this apparent quiet, he much fears that heedless indiscretion, careless apathy, or a restless jactitation, may suddenly precipitate upon them the unenviable evils of a distracted fraternity. He decided, that the Master of a Lodge cannot be installed by proxy, but the train of reasoning by which he arrives at this conclusion, does not apply to the Wardens of a Lodge. He was informed of a case where an inexperienced and confiding Master, who had not been invested with the Past Master's degree on his installation, surrendered his gavel to a Chapter Past Master, under the impression, that he could not legally rule his Lodge while his more *advanced* brother was present; he remarks, that a Past Master by degree can claim such right, has long ago been exploded. He likewise sets forth at length the train of reasoning by which he concluded, that in the absence of the Master and Wardens, the Lodge cannot be opened for the purpose of conferring degrees.

His opinion was asked upon the question, "What majority of the Lodge is necessary to restore a member under sentence of suspension?" Although he had no doubt as to the requisite majority, he unexpectedly found himself, upon examining the matter, utterly without authority for his conclusion, that two-thirds was necessary, he believes has never been controverted by any respectable Masonic writer, and so he ruled; upon mature consideration he is induced to think, that technically, two thirds is a Masonic

majority, and should be so considered. "Three make a Lodge," says the Masonic axiom, and a majority of three is two-thirds; hence, in cases of relieving from Masonic punishment, the ratio has been preserved, no matter what the number of the members present.

A bible in German text, from Col. HENRY P. THOMAS, of Gwynnett county, obtained from an elderly Scotch lady, who states, that it was her grandfather's family bible—that he was a member of Dumfriesshire Lodge in Scotland, and the bible then presented was used in that Lodge when ROBERT BURNS presided over it; as might be expected it was carefully deposited among the archives.

M. W. W. S. ROCKWELL and R. W. S. ROSE, were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively.

INDIANA.

THE annual communication was begun and held in Indianapolis, in May, 1861, M. W. ALEXANDER C. DOWNEY, Grand Master, presiding. In his opening address he deeply deplores the existing state of affairs in our country, and after quoting from the ancient charges concerning the duty of Masons, of obedience to law and civil magistrates, he adds that, as an organization, we do not discuss or decide political questions; we do not, as such, engage in wars, civil or foreign. But as individuals, we have not given up the freedom of speech, nor the right of judging and acting for ourselves, nor are we deprived of the privilege, or exempt from the duty, of obedience and loyalty to the government under which we live. He says, the legislation of the Grand Lodge on the subject of non-affiliated Masons has been productive of little apparent good. The evil yet exists. In 1847, it was resolved by the Grand Lodge that each subordinate might, in its own discretion, assess and collect a sum, not less than one dollar and not more than two dollars per annum, from each non-affiliated Mason within their respective jurisdictions. In the years 1853 and 1854, further disabilities were decreed upon non-affiliants; they were not, however, enforced by the subordinate Lodges, and they became a dead letter. At the last session the regulations in regard to it were modified, leaving it discretionary with subordinate Lodges to grant or withhold from non-affiliants the right of visiting, of relief, of assisting in public ceremonies or processions, and Masonic burials. This he thinks preferable to having a regulation which the Lodges will not enforce. He issued dispensations for seven new Lodges during the year.

He concludes his address by inciting his brethren to renewed zeal and activity in the cause of Masonry. He commends to their care the loved ones, left at home by those who have taken up arms for the defense of our flag, and suggests that much may be done by us in other ways to abridge or lessen the evils which may result from the pending strife.

The committee on foreign correspondence, speaking of the circular this Grand Lodge put forth last year, relating to the condition of the country, say, it breathes the true Masonic spirit.

The case of a brother, deprived of his membership by operation of law merely, without the decision of the Lodge upon charges and specifications, was

reported on by the committee on grievances, and the brother declared to be in possession of his rights, of which it was held he could not be deprived without a trial upon charges and specifications duly preferred.

This Grand Lodge numbers 10,550 Masons within her jurisdiction; 1,232 were initiated during the year; 26 were suspended for other causes than non-payment of dues; 54 were expelled.

We acknowledge the receipt of a handsomely printed and bound volume of the reprint of her proceedings, from the organization of the Grand Lodge, in December, 1817, to 1845 inclusive, and we tender to them our thanks for the courtesy, assuring them we shall cherish it among our most valued archives.

THOS. R. AUSTIN, of New Albany, was elected Grand Master, and FRANCIS KING was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

THE fifth regular communication was held in the city of Atchison, in October, 1860. Fourteen chartered Lodges and six U. D.'s were represented, Grand Master REES opened the session with a brief address, reporting his official acts. The evening of the first day was occupied by the Grand Master (ill health preventing the Grand Lecturer) in exemplifying the work in the three degrees. The committee on uniformity of work recommended that the jurisdiction be divided into districts, and a deputy Grand Master be appointed to each, and that once a year a Lodge of instruction be opened by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lecturer, and such other brethren as may be selected by the Grand Master. On the second day of the session, pursuant to the special order, they proceeded by ballots to permanently locate the Grand Lodge, which resulted in the selection of Tapeka as the place, the location not to be changed except by a two-third vote.

BRO. G. H. FAIRCHILD was elected Grand Master, and C. MUNDEE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

THE annual meeting was held at Portland in May, 1861. Grand Master DRUMMOND says:

"The year just closed has been marked for the prosperity and success of our order. Harmony has prevailed among us. Brotherly love, relief and truth have been practically exemplified. Temperance and her associate virtues have been cultivated. Our institution has commanded the respect and esteem of the community. Good men have been admitted among us, and our Lodges have grown in numbers, and their members, in the practice of those principles which all our forms and ceremonies are designed to teach. In fine, those results have been reached, which are naturally to be expected from the practice of the principles of Freemasonry."

During the year he granted dispensations for five new Lodges. Speaking of evils to be avoided and dangers to be apprehended, he enumerates, among other things, the frequent change of officers in subordinate Lodges; the practice of electioneering for office; and disclosing out of the Lodge of what has been said or done in the Lodge. Not an echo, he truly says, should be allowed to pass the outer door of the Lodge. He mentions an instance, where an indiscreet though well meaning brother, gave such information to a rejected candidate, that he commenced an action for slander against a member of the Lodge for remarks, which he supposed were made in the Lodge. Happily he mistook the person who made the offensive remark, and the suit was discontinued. What a terrible disgrace, he adds would it be to have such a case tried in our courts! We have no shield against such vexations but our fidelity to our obligations to each other, a violation of these rules, he recommends, should not go unpunished. Among the proposed amendments to their constitution is one to the effect, that no officer required by the constitutions to take an obligation prior to his installation, can be installed by proxy.

In many of their Lodges there is a by-law to the effect, that a member neglecting to pay his dues for a certain length of time, shall forfeit his membership; under this by-law, after the expiration of the time specified, in some Lodges, the Secretary strikes the names of all delinquents from the roll at his own discretion, in others he does it by order of the W. M.; such a case came up on appeal, and it was ruled, that no Mason should ever be deprived of his privileges of membership, either in the fraternity or in his private lodge, without due notice and trial.

We regret, that the controversy with the Grand Lodge of England is not yet ended, the latter still refuses to acknowledge the territorial rights of Lodges located near the boundary line, they therefore declare, that hereafter they will not recognize Masons made in violation of territorial jurisdiction, and they forbid all their Lodges to receive them. Your committee, last year, expressed their opinion upon the merits of the controversy, and at this time they content themselves by simply stating the facts as they now exist.

The number of initiations the past year were 897; total membership, 4,744. The proportion of rejections, compared with initiations, is as one to seven, that is, out of every *eight* who have applied for the degrees, *one* has been rejected.

The distracted state of the country weighed heavily on the heart of the Grand Master, his patriotic feelings found vent as follows:

BARTHELEMY:—While no allusions of a partisan character are either desirable or to be permitted, I should deem my duty evaded or neglected, did I not call to mind the deplorable condition of our beloved country. The portentous clouds which have been lowering dark in our horizon, have at length burst upon our land in the desolating storm of civil war. The roll of the drum, the shrill note of the fife, and the heavy tramp of armed men are heard in our streets. We almost listen to hear the thundering of cannon, the tread of hostile armies, and the din of a conflict between brothers, endeared to each other by a double tie, common descent, and the bonds of our fraternity. But our duties cannot be winked out of sight, nor

evaded. On the very threshold of Masonry, we are taught that our duties as Masons will not interfere with the duties we owe to our country; that we are to be quiet and peaceable citizens, true to our government and just to our country; that we are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently to submit to legal authority. Especially is this our duty in *this* land and under *this* government so well calculated to develop our Institution. Our duties to each other as Masons are high and holy; but we have higher and holier duties than even these. When our country is in danger, our duties as Patriots rise superior to those as Masons. But in the impending conflict, our duties as Masons are increased. Those of our brotherhood who rush to arms in the defense of government, and to put down rebellion, must ever remember that the soft voice of mercy should be heard and heeded even in the wild rush of contending armies. In the very day of the conflict, and especially in the hour of victory, the appeal of a brother should not be disregarded. And those who take no actual part on the field, must make the wives and children of the absent the objects of their most fraternal care; must see to it, that all is done that can be done to alleviate and soften the horrors of war.

May the Supreme Grand Master above, if consistent with His holy will, so order things, that peace may be soon restored among us, that our country may again resume her march in power and prosperity, with not a single star blotted from her banner, nor a single stripe erased.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected; the former is JOSHUA H. DRUMMOND, the latter IRA BERRY, both of Portland.

MARYLAND.

From this Grand Lodge we have the report of their annual communication held in November, 1860.

Grand Master KIMMEL excuses himself for not having been enabled to visit the Lodges, by attributing it to circumstances beyond his control, in connection with the excited state of the country; but notwithstanding, he is happy in the firm belief, that the beautiful fabric of our Masonic institution has not been disturbed by the angry discussions of the day, and he is satisfied, that however wild the range of those discussions may be, our glorious building will not be hurt by the furious passions which excite the community, and expresses his belief, that it will prove to be the oil to soothe the troubled waters of discontent that are now rolling at the base of our glorious republic.

They decided to adopt the representative system under certain regulations, viz, to give a seat to the representative of any sister Grand Lodge. 2. That the office be regarded in its interchange of fraternal courtesies alone. 3. That such representative is entitled to all the respectful consideration that may be claimed by the Grand Lodge he represents, and may confer with the Grand Lodge in any interchange of appropriate views, sentiments and courtesies. 4. They reserve to themselves the proper regulation of each case in which such representative may be called to act.

The constitution of this Grand Lodge declares, that "no brother can be installed as a Grand Officer, and at the same time hold the office of Master or Warden of a subordinate Lodge." At the election held at this session, Bro. JOHN S. BEAR, Master of Adherence Lodge 88, was elected to the office of Grand Master. G. M. KIMMEL called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact, and suggested that his installation should not be admitted, arguing, that the brother being thus disqualified, could not have been eligible for the election to the office of Grand Master. With a view that proper action in the premises should be presented to the view of the Masonic world, the Grand Master called around him, as a committee of advisement, seven Past Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary, and Grand Chaplain. They reported unanimously at their semi-annual meeting in May, "that an objection to installation only, was not a valid objection to an election." Bro. BEAR, in the mean time, having finished his term of office in his Lodge, and his successor having been duly installed, had been duly installed as Grand Master by the Grand Stewards' Lodge, it having jurisdiction during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

At the semi-annual communication in May, G. M. BEAR says, they have a right to congratulate each other, and the Order to which they belong, that the very troubles of the times have called forth the proofs of the worth and the beneficence of Masonry. He further says, that it is the lesson of the Great Grand Master of the Universe, that order and harmony be among brethren, and that we help one another, comfort the distressed, and relieve the unfortunate and unhappy; late occurrences in their midst, he says, have shown that the lesson is not forgotten, that it is fulfilled, and that in the terror and alarm which almost open civil warfare can excite, the brethren of the mystic tie recognize and perform it.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence, as heretofore, is from the prolific pen of our Rev. Bro. McJILLOW; it is the most elaborate of any such documents which came under our review. The Grand Lodge of Maryland have reason to be proud of their good fortune, in having a brother so well qualified for the task, and whose productions testify, that to him it is a labor of love.

R. W. JOSEPH ROBINSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At a quarterly communication held in Boston, March 14, 1860, an appeal from a brother suspended for three months came up for hearing; the charges prepared against him were that he had factiously and, without just cause, opposed the application of sundry persons for the degrees of Masonry, to the injury of the Lodge, and that he did publicly and defiantly declare, that he would persist in such factious and injurious conduct. It was held, the Lodge should and must have the power to rid itself of an injurious member, and thus restore peace and harmony among those "amongst whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree." The appeal was dismissed.

Sundry charters were granted to Lodges U. D.

At a quarterly communication held June 13, 1860, some appeals were heard, and one charter was granted. A committee was appointed to consider and report on the expediency of paying the traveling expenses of delegates from subordinate Lodges, in their attendance upon the meetings of the Grand Lodge.

At the annual communication in December, 1860, "the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the commonwealth of Massachusetts," having obtained and accepted an act of incorporation from the General Court of Massachusetts, with power to make by-laws, rules and regulations, etc., proceeded to remodel their constitution in conformity with the provisions of said act.

Grand Master Lewis read a letter, a copy of which he had addressed to the Grand Master of Virginia, he tells him, that the period had arrived (alas! that it should ever be so) when it behoves every one, who has lived and flourished under the benign influence of our glorious Union, to exert his best endeavors to obviate that sad impulse which threatens its dissolution. He says, it was his good fortune to visit Richmond with a band of our Order, and to witness and feel the mighty operation which cemented the hearts of all the participants on that occasion: the influences of that meeting are ineffaceable, the impress indelible. With such feelings of so powerful a fraternization, how disunion must pall the hearts of those whose affections as brothers are so warmed towards those so dear to them in Virginia; and as one, he was resolved to pour out his own, and to express to him what he deems to be the predominant sentiment in Boston, if not in Massachusetts, and he assures his dear brother that they cling to them, not only as brothers but as fellow citizens, and prays, that the evil day may be far removed, when Virginia and Massachusetts, the States which gave to our country a WASHINGTON and a FRANKLIN, and to Freemasonry two of its brightest lights, shall be found opposed as enemies, and severed as component parts of the United States.

The reading of the letter was received with great favor, and elicited warm and hearty responses from the brethren, and especially from Brother Col. RUGGLES, of Virginia, who was present as a visitor.

They occupied nearly a whole day in exemplifying the work and lectures of the three degrees of ancient Craft, Masonry.

The Grand Master in his valedictory address, regrets that the brethren in his jurisdiction have not that information given to them, which is important to all subordinates of the Grand Lodges, through a committee on foreign correspondence, and gives it as his opinion, that the most venerable, and certainly not the least influential of the Grand Lodges of the the U. S., should not lack in this very essential particular. During the year he granted dispensations for five new Lodges.

Bro. William D. COOLIDGE was elected Grand Master, and CHARLES W. MOORE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

THE annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Vicksburg in January, 1861, with a representation from a great number of subordinate Lodges. Their Grand Master, M. W. D. MITCHELL, was prevented, by severe family affliction, from attending the meeting; he forwarded a letter full of deep feeling, stating that the severe calamity had entirely disqualified him from any and every duty, hence there was no address from the presiding officer.

A case was presented which drew forth the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that the Grand Master *may* have the *right* to suspend a sentence of expulsion or suspension from a subordinate Lodge until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, yet they deem that this right ought to be exercised with the utmost circumspection and caution, that by such action the brother is restored to all Masonic rights in the interim, except to membership in the Lodge.

In another case, a brother has been suspended by a subordinate Lodge. The Grand Lodge set aside the sentence and ordered a new trial, upon appeal to the G. M. for a change of venue, the case was sent to another Lodge for trial, and he was acquitted; it was held, that though he was restored to Masonry, he was not restored to membership. The corollary from this seems to be, that if any one wishes to oust a member, it can effectually be done by preferring charges and trying him; if found guilty, expel; if acquitted, restore him to the rights and benefits of Masonry, but not to membership. We have heard of similar legislation, where one accused of being a witch, was ducked in a pond, if she swam and came out alive she was deemed guilty and burned, if she sank and was drowned, she was pronounced innocent.

P. G. MILLEN submitted through the Grand Secretary his appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, accompanied by a letter in which he states, that he has ever opposed the representative system between the several Grand Lodges, he has been unable to see any positive good beyond the compliment paid to the appointed representative, but submitting to the opinion of his Grand Lodge, he had cheerfully accepted the office and presents the fraternal greetings of Louisiana to Mississippi.

A large portion of the time of the Grand Lodge was taken up, in patiently investigating numerous cases of appeal.

M. W. RICHARD COOPER was elected Grand Master, and R. W. R. W. T. DANIELS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

THE forty-first annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at St. Louis, in May last, with a representation from fifty-seven Lodges.

Grand Master McFARLAND says, speaking of the spirit indulging the letter of our institution, the first thing you see in a Lodge is that great revealed light. The first thing you desire in a Lodge is more light. The

first thing that you profess in a Lodge is a trust in the God, whom you learn to know in that bible. Among the first lessons taught you in the Lodge are, that without revelation you are in darkness, that by nature you are unfit even for the earthly tabernacle, and therefore, the original material must be straightened and squared and smoothed into a new and better being. These things are fundamental principles of God's revealed religion—the whole rests upon an altar for sacrifice—and they being your first lessons, teach you that to become truly and fully Masons, that religion must be cultivated in your hearts. It has been said by them of old, that men become Masons first in the heart, but many do not reflect how it is that they become so first in that quarter. He fears that many never do become Masons otherwise than in outward form and revelation. He asks his brethren not to suppose that he has said too much on this subject, rather supposing he had not done his duty as Grand Master, if he had not invited their attention to this wonderful element of Masonic life; he asks them as Masons to ever remember this fact when in our Lodges we offer devotions at our altar, looking to Him whom the altar represents. He takes that occasion to observe, that no man who doubts the existence of God, or his providence over the world—and no man who disbelieves or doubts that our bible is his revelation—and no man who does not intend thenceforth, to polish the ashlar according to the teachings of the bible, can ever become what Masonry contemplates; he adds, that our well being is not in the number of members admitted, it is rather in the quality of the material.

His feelings, with respect to the present condition of the country, find expression as follows: our fraternity embraces the whole in bonds of charity. As Masons we know no north, no south, east or west; yet we know our country and brotherhood everywhere. Peace and harmony are the missions of our Order. Whatever individuals may feel to be their duty as citizens, let us not forget our brotherhood! Let no bitter personal animosities spring up among us! Let us remember the fraternal cord and its duties! We can do much to assuage the bitterness of the present time, by trying "as much as in us lieth to live peaceably with all men," and especially with those of our own household. May the good God keep you all in harmony and brotherly love.

Bro. the R. W. W. R. PANICK was elected Grand Master, and A. O'SULLIVAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

THE annual communication was held at Plattsmouth, in June, 1861. Each of their six lodges was represented.

Grand Master ANSTRONG says the unfavorable circumstances by which they were surrounded last year continue to exist in a greater degree, owing to the continued commercial distress; and, remote as they are from the sectional and political influences which surrounded the populous communities of the States, even there Masonry is chilled by the deplorable strifes and animosities which distract our beloved country. The reports of their lodges show an increase of

membership during the past year, though they are suffering from the absence of the older brethren, who have left their lodges to work among the leads and gulches of the new Eldorado, or engage in commerce on the plains. These brethren have carried Masonry with them, and we find that three dispensations for new lodges have been issued in the Territory, and we are pleased to learn that skillful craftsmen are there, well qualified to prepare the rough ashlar and precious stones of the Rocky Mountains. The Grand Master also reports that he had received from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana a communication announcing that they had adopted the representative system, and requested him, if agreeable to the views of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to name some brother there for appointment as representative of that Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; and from North Carolina a similar communication had been received. He looks upon it more as a matter of Masonic courtesy than of jurisdictional necessity, and as such not unworthy of attention. If the system be adopted, he asks, shall it be general, or confined to Grand Lodges specially designated? Can we fraternize with Masons who refuse "to cheerfully conform to the laws of the country," and are "concerned in plots and conspiracies against Government?"

They adopted the "Webb Work," but with some hesitation, "not having had sufficient opportunity to witness its exemplification."

The standing committee on grievances reported that none had been presented for their deliberation.

Grand Master ARMSTRONG, and Grand Secretary FURNACE, were each re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

We have the Journal of Proceedings of the seventy-fourth annual communication, held at Trenton, in January, 1861. Grand Master VAN WAGONER informs us that Masonry has flourished during the past year in his jurisdiction; many names have been added to the list of members of the Order. He fears, in a few instances, a desire to show a large increase in the list of members has operated upon the minds of many of the brethren. He truly says this is to be regretted, and advises that none but the worthy should be accepted, and thus the favorable opinion entertained by the profane as to the merits of our institution would be perpetuated.

He issued dispensations to form three new lodges during the year. He closes his address with expressing his belief that it is entirely unmasonic for any brother to seek and electioneer for office, either in Grand or Subordinate Lodges. From information he has received, it appears that combinations have been formed, brethren approached, and the appliances usual in political contests have been used. To him such a course of action seems unworthy of any one claiming to be a Mason. Dissimulation, deceit, false charges, and, he adds, falsehood must be practiced and used whenever such practices are allowed. The committee to whom the address was referred condemn the practice of electioneering as disgraceful, unmasonic, and replete with dangerous consequences; and, as the case now stands, the reputation of every member of this body, and perhaps that of others outside of it, are implicated. In their

opinion, it is due to the Fraternity that the Grand Master should make his charges specific, and the manner in which they have undertaken to abuse and corrupt the elective franchise, upon which the independence and stability of the Fraternity so greatly depend, or should satisfy himself that there is no foundation for the charges made, and so state to the Grand Lodge that he has been misinformed.

A large amount of local business was matured and reported upon by various Grand officers and committees, and suitable action taken in the premises.

The annual communication was held in May, 1861. Grand Master ENSIGN says, our once peaceful, harmonious, happy, beloved free country is now, and has been, passing through scenes which he trusts will soon end, and we again be the same happy people. Still he says our order is flourishing; their lodges continue to enjoy their quiet meetings, strife enters not their well-guarded portals; politics and political differences are unknown amongst them. He informs the Grand Lodge of a case of grievance to come before them, the only one of which he has heard. He addresses a few well-chosen words of caution to the members who are each year initiated into our mysteries. Many of them are zealous, and manifest their zeal by learning the work to be performed within the walls of the Lodge. They remember the words used during the ceremonies, can repeat them, perhaps, without hesitation, and oftentimes more readily than many an older brother, whom they see by their side, and whom, on that account, they may feel inclined to look upon with something like a sense of pity; he warns his young brethren against this propensity; he commends their zeal, but tells them truly this work is not all of Masonry, it being only the *material part* of Masonry, and has little to do with the *spirit* of our sublime mysteries. He tells them they may be perfect in the work of the Lodge, but very poor Masons in reality if they neglect the practice of the moral principles that "are inculcated in the several Masonic lectures." He bids them remember that it is the *internal* and not the *external* qualifications that make men Masons, and he enjoins them to make it their special study to learn what those *internal qualifications* are and to practice them.

They revised their Constitution at this session. The new law specifies as members of the Grand Lodge all Grand Officers, all past elected Grand Officers, while remaining within their jurisdiction, and the Masters and Wardens of the several Subordinate Lodges: *Provided*, that this amendment shall not affect any brother who is a member of the Grand Lodge at the time of its passage.

Your committee would here acknowledge the receipt of parts IV. and V. of the records of Freemasonry, compiled by G. E. STORRE, Grand Secretary, each of two hundred pages, being a reprint of their proceedings from the year 1846 to the close of 1854. We present our thanks for the same, and assure our brethren of Connecticut that they will be carefully treasured among our most valued archives.

At the election of grand officers, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

NEW YORK.

THE annual meeting was held in June, 1861, M. W. JOHN W. SIMONS, Grand Master, presiding. Alluding to the state of the country, he says, in the natural course of events, the nation has witnessed a change in its rulers; occurrences of a deplorable and humiliating nature connected therewith, but not proper to be discussed here, have arrayed our people in hostile bands, and drawn upon the nation the interest and attention of civilized humanity; and yet amid the storms of passion, by which society has been convulsed to its utmost depths, Masonry has stood calm and dispassionate, pursuing, with measured and unfaltering step, the mission set apart unto her, and closing the avenues of her temples from the very echo of discord and strife. While, as citizens, her disciples have entertained and acted upon differing opinions, as Masons, they have exemplified the teachings of the craft by a steady adherence to its principles, have known no contention save that of a laudable emulation, have practiced no arts save those of peace.

He calls attention to the existence in the city of New York of a body of men, who meet as a Lodge under the name and style of *L'Union Française*, No. 17, and as he is informed, and believes, pretend to make Masons at five dollars each. There is, he says, also another Lodge at work in that city, and one in Albany, and claiming, with probable truth, to be organized under the so called Rite of Memphis, having its central power in the city of Paris. He remarks, it would seem that organizations of this character are inseparable from great commercial centers like New York, for he finds they exist also in London and Paris, in which latter city, however, they are occasionally treated to a visit from the police. He made a number of decisions during his term, a few of which we copy:

That a Mason may be tried for a grave offense committed previous to his initiation, and the knowledge of which had been purposely withheld from the Lodge at the time of making.

That when charges are preferred against a Master of a Lodge, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, suspend him from the functions of his office during the investigation.

That when the Grand Lodge reverses the finding of a Lodge, for irregularity or want of proof, the defendant thereby becomes entitled to all the rights and privileges he enjoyed before charges were preferred against him.

That a candidate, who has been rejected on his application for advancement, may apply again at the next meeting, but the application should lie over at least two weeks.

As will be noticed under the head of Virginia, that Grand Lodge passed a non-intercourse act with respect to New York, to which the latter makes the following dignified reply: That the decree of non-intercourse recently promulgated by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as against this Grand Lodge, should not, and does not, exonerate the Masons hailing from this jurisdiction now, or hereafter, to be on the soil of Virginia, or elsewhere, from the performance of those high and holy Masonic duties towards Masons owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which are imperatively cast upon them by their vows made in the craft, the laws of God, and the dictates of humanity. If

the Grand Lodge of Virginia may have mistaken her duties, we should still remember to perform those which devolve upon us as individual Masons.

Recent alterations of their constitution render it necessary, in the case of petition for a new Lodge, to present a certificate, that there is no other Lodge in the same town or village, to have the recommendation of all Lodges whose jurisdictions are to be effected by the new Lodge, and to show that the petitioners were clear from all indebtedness to other Lodges; for the want of these prerequisites, the Grand Master suspended action in two cases.

The board of relief for New York reported the number of beneficiaries for the year to be 491; add the number from the last report, 1318; total to date of report, 1809. Out of 187 applicants for the last year they found worthy, 117; unworthy, 90. From the organization to May 6th, 1861, the total number of applicants have been 701; total number of persons dependent on them were 1108; grand total of beneficiaries, 1809. Of the 701 applicants there have been found worthy, 429; unworthy, 272; total amount disbursed for the year, \$5,328.81. Among the beneficiaries we find three hailing from Michigan. The Brooklyn board disbursed \$1,651.82. They say its operation has silenced all controversy as to its superiority over the indiscriminate alms-giving at Lodge doors. The contributing bodies to this last association, are nine Lodges and one Chapter, and from these, and donations from their members they received the sum of \$1,242.75; from the Grand Lodge they received \$400; total, \$1,642.75. They forbid their subordinates from initiating, passing, or raising any actual resident of another jurisdiction knowingly, on pain of forfeiting its warrant.

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial from the Grand Master, and other distinguished brethren, of Tennessee,* reported substantially, that they could not suggest an inquiry into an appropriate mode of action, without discussing political questions and affairs of civil government, with which it is not their province, as Masons, to interfere.

The committee on foreign correspondence briefly report a synopsis of the proceedings of our last session. Alluding to the report of this committee, they say they are happy to find their ideas concur with theirs, when we state, that we have endeavored to give a plain narrative of the doings of our brethren in different jurisdictions, with but little comment.

BRO. FINLAY M. KING was elected Grand Master, and JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

THE annual meeting was held in December, 1860. They spent an afternoon, by invitation, in visiting the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, located in Raleigh, where they held their communication. Grand Master WILLIAMS complains of what he calls a flagrant error existing among many, indeed, nearly all their Lodges, which he hopes, for the good of the order, may be corrected; he does not advise legislation by the Grand Lodge upon the subject, but desires

* See the memorial under the head of Tennessee.

to bring it prominently before the Masters of Lodges. He alludes to the disposition of Lodges to favorably recommend to the Grand Master all applicants for dispensations for new Lodges, without any knowledge or examination as to their Masonic attainments.

He denounces, as a prostitution of our noble Order to sordid and selfish ends, the practice of inserting Masonic cards in newspapers, and prefixing Masonic emblems to all kinds of advertisements, and placing the same on various species of merchandise.

The committee on uniformity of work, report that their can be but one opinion with regard to it, viz., that it *should* exist, but they say such a thing is not known within their jurisdiction. Lodges work as they list, and do as seemeth to them good, this, they say, should not be tolerated; they then inquire and answer how the evil came to exist, and end by recommending the Prestonian system, as taught by Thomas Smith Webb.

L. S. WILLIAMS was elected Grand Master, and W. T. BAIN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

From this Grand Lodge we have the "abstract of the proceedings, being extracts from the minutes of its quarterly and adjourned communications, during the year 1860."

The committee on correspondence acknowledge the receipt of our proceedings for 1860, but regret the irregularity of the receipt of sister Grand Lodges. They remark that, however much they can justly glory in the spread of our Order, yet they consider such things of lesser importance to the true Masonic heart and mind, than the conviction from contemporary authority; that the principles, usages, landmarks, and traditions of the Craft are maintained unimpaired, in the integrity of their institution. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never regarded the multiplication of Lodges, or a larger number of members of an existing Lodge, as evidence, in themselves, of the flourishing condition of Masonry; they regard as surer signs of real Masonic stability and permanence in progress a few Lodges and well instructed members. They take strong ground against the proposed "North American Congress" and kindred organizations.

In reply to some strictures of the committee on correspondence of Texas, they state with regard to "Girard Fund," that Bro. STEPHEN GIRARD bequeathed to them \$20,000, to accumulate till the whole amounted to \$30,000, the yearly interest of which was then to be by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania distributed to "poor and respectable" brethren, applicants for relief. The Grand Lodge created a committee, called the "Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund," and this body meets regularly, and on proper investigation, distributes the yearly interest to such as come within the requirements of the testator. They say they have no claim for reimbursement of any distributed part of the Girard Fund.

They close their report with a renewed expression of the Masonic fellowship and true fraternal affiliation they feel and entertain for all the brethren of Grand Lodges, wherever situated, and extend to each of their committees

of correspondence the salutation of fraternal peace and Masonic good will a sentiment we cordially reciprocate.

The disbursements for charity amounted to \$1,575.15, \$350 of which was to applicants from Lodges located out of their jurisdiction.

Six new Lodges were formed during the year; the number now working is 174. The number of affiliated Masons has arisen to nearly 14,000.

BRO. DAVID C. SKERRETT was elected Grand Master, and WILLIAM H. ADAMS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

We are in receipt of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge "for the year ending June 24, 1861, being the 70th anniversary." They hold quarterly and annual communications. At the annual meeting, Grand Master GRAY delivered a brief address, recounting his official acts and exhorting his brethren to renewed faithfulness in their several stations. Within the past year, he says, no unusual prosperity has attended their Lodges, but all have steadily progressed, and so far as he can learn, the utmost harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction. He prays, that the dark cloud of disunion that overshadows our country, may be speedily dispelled, and that the harmonizing effect of Masonry and brotherly love may eventually restore peace and happiness to the whole Union, "which is the sincere wish of the Grand Master."

The incoming Grand Master, M. W. ARIZEL BALLOU, upon taking the East, delivered an eloquent address. He urged upon Masons the necessity, in the present convulsed state of our land, of reviewing their obligations, and asking themselves whether Masonry is intended merely for show, or for high and noble purposes; and remembering their obligations and the importance and high character of Masonry, every Mason should exert his utmost powers to cultivate peace, restore harmony, and promote prosperity, not only in his immediate neighborhood, but wherever his influence may extend. He earnestly exhorted the Masters of Lodges to be as particular in impressing upon the members of their charge their duties as Masons, as they were to teach them the ritual and work.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS A. DOYLE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

A large delegation from subordinate Lodges assembled in annual communication at Nashville, in October, 1860. A statement of the official acts of the Grand Master constitutes his opening address, which was referred to appropriate committees, and the subjects there brought to notice received proper attention. Although the proceedings show a busy and laborious session, we find but little to interest those outside their jurisdiction, their labors having reference to local subjects.

BRO. CHAS. SCOTT, having been requested, two years ago, to prepare a work on Masonic law, reported the work to be nearly completed, and would

have been ready for the press, but for domestic troubles and feeble health. He suggests that Masonic law is in its infancy, and while there exists so many conflicting opinions upon various questions, it would not perhaps be well for the Grand Lodge to adopt any work as the law of the order, and while it would be proper to recommend a work of merit, it is doubtful whether they should indorse that as law without the most critical examination. He therefore asks the Grand Lodge to permit him to finish his work at leisure, and publish it upon his own responsibility.

The Grand Secretary was directed to procure the portrait of M. W. SAMUEL McMANUS, P. G. M., to be placed in the Grand Lodge room, with those of other Past Grand Masters.

M. W. JAMES McCALLUM was elected Grand Master, and R. W. CHARLES A. FULLER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE, F. AND A. MASONS,

NASHVILLE, May, 1861.

M. W. Sir and Brother :

In addressing you this communication, we are sure no apology need be offered. The unhappy circumstances under which our country is now laboring, are such as to arouse the deepest feeling of every heart. But recently occupying a position of proud pre-eminence among the nations of the earth—the hope of the lovers of civil and religious freedom—we find her now apparently upon the verge of a conflict of arms, that, unless speedily arrested, will form a dark and bloody epoch in the history of the human race. From the contemplation of the horrible spectacle of State arrayed against State, friend against friend, and even brother against brother, we shudderingly look around for some means of escape from the dire calamity that seems so certainly impending over us as a people. With deep mortification, and sorrow, and dread, we look into the dark gulf of human passion, we see its billows heaving with fearful excitement, and, horrified by the sight, we instinctively raise our feeble arms, and in hopelessness of spirit exclaim: *Great God! is there no help in this time of need! Who may stay the wrath of the whirlwind!*

For the causes that have led to the unparalleled spectacle now presented to the world, it is no province of ours to inquire. That wrongs have been committed by both parties to the dreadful combat, that seems to be so rapidly approaching, we are not called upon to admit or to deny. The causes and the wrongs will be fully judged by the future historian, and when this page of impartial history is written—the dark record of a nation torn by contending factions, rent asunder by animosities engendered by fierce conflicts and the rage of battle, precious lives destroyed, with ruined cities and devastated firesides—tears of bitter anguish will fall upon the leaf of a nation's disgrace and, if possible, blot it out forever.

While it is no part of our duty to investigate the causes that have produced the present state of antagonism in political affairs, neither is it our province to suggest a remedy. But as Masons, as members of a common brotherhood, as brethren bound together by fraternal ties that are not broken

save by the hand of death, we can safely appeal for a cessation of the unnatural strife that is now raging around us, and whose surging billows threaten to overwhelm all in a common destruction. We, therefore, confidently appeal to the five hundred thousand Masons of our land to step forward, and pouring the oil of peace upon the troubled waters of civil war, roll back the raging tide, and in one united demand make their voices heard in arresting the terrible havoc of fraternal strife. Is it possible, that in this enlightened age, this age of Christian progress, of advancement in all the arts and sciences of civilized life, there are none to step forward whose voices shall be sufficiently potent to stay the madness of the hour, and *compel* a peaceful solution of the issues now presented for the consideration of a people whose freedom has been the pride and boast of an admiring world? Shall the alternative be presented of section arrayed against section? Shall we be compelled, both North and South, to listen to the tread of armed legions, whose swords are even now ready to leap from their scabbards, for the purpose of being bathed in the blood of those who should, by every tie of interest and consanguinity, be linked together in bonds stronger than those forged of brass and steel? And when the contest is ended—as end it must—what will be gained by the victors? What mind will be able to count the cost of thousands upon thousands of precious lives sacrificed in the horrible contest, the cries of widows and orphans rising night and morn to Heaven; mothers weeping in bitter anguish over the dead bodies of loved ones laid in the dust by the hands of a merciless destroyer; blackened ruins of once happy homes; devastated fields, where once peace smiled upon the industrious husbandman; the helplessness of childhood even affording no barriers to the destructive march of contending armies. And then, end as it may, the victory will be attained at a sacrifice of human life that will cause the stoutest heart to tremble in deepest anguish. Let the battle once commence, and who may live to see its termination?

Considering all these things—the blessings of peace and the horrors of domestic war—is there no appeal that can be effectual for peace? Will you not add your earnest efforts for a peaceful solution and settlement of all the questions now agitating the minds of the people of every section? We appeal to you, and through you to the thousands of Masons in your jurisdiction, to stop the effusion of blood while yet they may. We make no suggestions as to how this shall be accomplished. As Masons, we make no decision as to who is right or wrong, or as to the proper course to be pursued for securing the object we have so deeply at heart. Restore peace to our unhappy country, and surely Heaven will bless every faithful effort towards its accomplishment.

But if all efforts fail, if every appeal for peace shall be thrust aside, if the sword must be still the last resort and accepted as the final arbiter, we beseech the brethren engaged in the awful contest to remember that a fallen foe is still a brother, and as such is entitled to warmest sympathies and kindest attentions. If war cannot be averted or turned aside, let every brother use his utmost endeavors, and, as far as lies in his power, rob it of some of its horrors. While each is true to his sense of public and patriotic duty, on whichever side he may be arrayed, we earnestly urge that

he shall also be true to those high and holy teachings inculcated by our Order.

Praying that God, in His infinite mercy, may yet incline the hearts of His people to ways of peace and paths of pleasantness, and that He may dissipate and disperse the storm-cloud of destruction, which seems to hang so fearfully above us, we subscribe ourselves, faithfully and fraternally, in the bonds of *Masonry*,

JAMES McCALLUM, K. T.

M. W. Grand Master of Grand Lodge.

JOHN F. SLOVER,

R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge.

LUCIUS J. POLK, K. T.

R. E. Grand Commander of G. Commandery.

THOMAS McCULLOCH, K. T.

P. G. Master of Grand Lodge.

ARCHELAUS M. HUGHES, K. T.

P. G. Master of Grand Lodge,

P. G. H. Priest of Grand Chapter.

JOHN S. DASHIELL, K. T.

P. G. Secretary of Grand Lodge, G. Chapter,

P. G. Master of Grand Lodge.

CHARLES A. FULLER, K. T., 32°

P. G. Master of Grand Lodge,

P. G. H. Priest of Grand Chapter,

P. G. Commander of Grand Commandery.

JOHN McCLELLAND, K. T., 32°

W. Master of Cumberland Lodge, No. 8.

VERMONT.

THE annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Burlington, in January, 1861, with a representation from fifty-six Lodges, fifty of which are chartered, and six U. D.

The venerable PHILLIP C. TUCKER occupied the East. Speaking of the condition of the Craft, he says, Craft Masonry has in general been in a prosperous and flourishing state. The best men are seeking our association, and even the most cautious are beginning to think—if we may judge from their inquiries—that our Institution, which but a few years since, passed through the fire and the flame of a most severe and relentless persecution, until it was solemnly believed, that its utter extinction in the Green Mountain State was an accomplished and settled fact, already fixed as historical—must possess within itself vital energies, incomprehensible to them, to have had the power of rising proudly from the ruins of its prostrate temples, and in the short space of fifteen years, restoring them to their former strength and splendor. And it is not surprising, that a contrast so strong should arrest the attention of intelligent and reflecting men.

In the year 1831 Masonry here might have been well represented by the mouldering obelisk, the prostrate column, the fallen temple of sunk magnifi-

cence, overgrown with thorns, and over which flew the twilight-loving bat, and crept the spotted adder. And thus it lay till sixteen annual suns had shone upon it. At the expiration of this cycle of years, those ruins began to show symptoms of reviving energies; the moss fell from the obelisk; the prostrate pillar stood erect; stone by stone of the fallen temple was gradually restored to its former place; and now at the close of another cycle of but *fifteen* years, pillar, pilaster, architrave, stand proudly in their pristine beauty; the cap stone is finished and placed in the last arch; and the whole building renewedly dedicated to Him who has thus blest our efforts, and to whose holy name we all most humbly bow.

For several years they have shown a strong inclination to preserve among their archives copies of the faces of their Grand Masters, thus far they have but two, G. M. HASWELL and G. M. TUCKER. Information was eagerly sought for paintings of their former Grand Masters, and a committee was appointed to procure photographs and frames. We may consider ourselves fortunate that we have been able to procure the picture of every Grand Master who has presided over us, and that they now grace the walls of this hall, and that duplicates are laid up among our archives, thus preserving their honored faces for the respect of future generations.

Grand Master TUCKER, alluding to the diversity of practice which prevails in relation to the manner of balloting for the admission of candidates, some Lodges taking the ballots in each degree, and others taking them in the third for all three degrees, his opinion always has been, that the ballots should be cast but *once*, and that for the three degrees, in a Master's Lodge, he argues, if the vote be taken for the three degrees, and as the candidate progresses in taking them, if any *serious* objection to further progress, it is easy for the Lodge to suspend action until an examination of the new objection can be had. Your committee have always leaned to the opinion, that the ballot for initiation was to determine character and qualification, that on the others, to determine the proficiency made in the preceding degree; in Vermont, however, they have no regulation on the subject, and the practice is various among their Lodges; with us the practice is uniform to ballot for each degree.

A proposed alteration of their constitution came up for action at this session, the point was to exclude Past Masters who were such in January 5852, and the last Past Masters of every secular Lodge, who may be such at each session of the Grand Lodge, from membership in the Grand Lodge; a lengthy discussion ensued, and the proposed amendment was "dismissed."

The committee on foreign correspondence courteously review our proceedings of 1860, and characterize as "beautiful" the words we use while giving the "funeral honors" at the grave of a deceased brother.

M. W. PHILLIP C. TUCKER, and R. W. JOHN B. HOLLENBROOK, were each re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

THE annual communication was held in December, 1860, with a representation from seventy-four of their one hundred and eighty-four Lodges. A letter was received from the M. W. Grand Master, J. R. McDANIEL, which was

read. Speaking of the condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction, he says, that while strife and discord rage without our beloved Institution, all within is calm and peaceful, and regularly and steadily adding to its members and increasing in usefulness, diffusing its benefits and blessings as the great regulator of the passions and propensities of the human heart, when applied in accordance with the principles laid down in that "Great Light," which is "the rule and guide of a Mason's faith and practice." He states, that he had postponed action upon an application for raising a *Maim*. The subject was referred to a special committee, who acknowledged the question to be one of some nicety, and upon which much may be said on both sides, but are of the opinion, that the dispensation should have been issued; they argue, that a Fellow Craft, by reason of becoming maimed after his advancement, is not released from all or any of the duties he owes the fraternity, nor are they absolved from any they owe to him. *In brief he is a Mason*, and as such entitled to all the rights and benefits, including that of being raised to the Master's degree.

The committee on foreign correspondence make a brief report, owing to a melancholy visitation upon their much respected chairman, Wor. Bro. JAMES K. CASKIE. They acknowledge the receipt of our proceedings.

The committee, to whom was referred the case of the union of Grand Lodges in New York, made a lengthy report. They set forth, that in 1849 a number of Masons in the State of New York did renounce the authority of the Grand Lodge of New York, and that the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1858, did restore all these rebellious and clandestine Lodges to full Masonic fellowship, in an irregular and Masonically illegal manner, thereby sanctioning irregular Lodges and persons clandestinely initiated therein; therefore, all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New York is discontinued, until such time as the difficulties now existing in New York shall be adjusted, in accordance with strict Masonic law and usage, as laid down by M. W. JOHN W. SIMONS, the present (1860) Grand Master, while acting as D. G. Master, whose interpretation of the term "healing," (adopted as the safest plan for all concerned) was a re-making.

A committee appointed to inquire into retrenchment of the Grand Lodge expenditures reported, that some complaint exists with regard to the expenditures for refreshments, which they consider unfounded. Masonry, they say, is a social as well as a moral institution, and on Grand Lodge meetings a banquet, worthy of the dignity of their Grand Body and the character of the Institution, should be provided for the refreshment and entertainment of its members and visiting brethren.

M. W. JOHN ROBIN McDANIEL, Grand Master, and R. W. JOHN DOVE, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

THIS Grand Lodge met at Milwaukee, in June, 1861; a large delegation from subordinate Lodges were in attendance. Grand Master BOYD sent a communication through the Grand Secretary, setting forth, that since the 20th of April, he had been a member of a volunteer company, from which time his

new engagements had demanded his sole attention to the entire neglect of other business. It affords him pleasure to say, that the greatest harmony has prevailed among the craft in Wisconsin, and that Masonry prospers in every portion of their jurisdiction. During the year he granted four dispensations for new Lodges. M. W. ROB MORRIS was introduced and invited to take a seat in the Grand Lodge.

A select committee appointed at the last communication, reported a form for installation service, which was adopted.

Bro. M. L. YOUNG, their Grand Lecturer, reported a steady but marked improvement in most of their Lodges, as well in regard to work as proficiency, and in moral character and standing; he says, they are in a more prosperous and harmonious condition than ever before.

A communication from the Major, Adjutant, and Surgeon of the 3d Regiment, was read, asking the Grand Lodge to make some provision by which the light of Masonry can be extended to the worthy ones among the volunteers. The committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred, reported, that any action was inexpedient, and the Grand Lodge concurred.

Much business of a local character was transacted, involving chiefly questions of local law, rather than matters of general interest outside their own jurisdiction.

Bro. ALVIN B. ALDEN was elected Grand Master, and Bro. W. T. PALMER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

THE annual meeting was held at Olympia in September, 1860; representatives from then six chartered Lodges, and delegates from the three U. D. were present. Grand Master BILES, in his opening address, informs us, that Masonry is in a prosperous condition in the territory, he calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the evils of intemperance, and deplores that many of the craft are not only injuring themselves, but are lowering the standard of virtue and purity that others are endeavoring to attain to. He concludes a short address, by invoking each and all of the brotherhood to live up to their profession as Masons, to practice the three great duties inculcated in the Lodge, and to support the dignity of their Masonic character upon every occasion.

The Grand Secretary reported, that three hundred copies of their proceedings for the past year had been printed, at a cost of \$239.70, leaving a balance due on printing of \$39.70, the difference having been appropriated last year for printing.

SELENCIUS GARFIELD was elected Grand Master, and THOMAS M. REED was elected Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FENTON,

Grand Secretary and ex officio Chairman of Com. on F. C.

Bro. NOBLE offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That THOMAS BATES, a member yet resting under the sentence of indefinite suspension, pronounced upon him by the late Morning Star Lodge, No. 26, held at Hudson, be, and he is hereby, restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Which was referred to the committee on Masonic Law.

The W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer then made the following report, which was accepted:

R E P O R T.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS, AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN:

As GRAND Visitor and Lecturer, I have the honor to report, that since the last communication of this Grand Lodge, I have visited, lectured, and worked in seventy-four subordinate Lodges within your jurisdiction, although laboring under a serious physical infirmity during a considerable part of the time.

To some of the Lodges, my visits were peculiarly welcome, and renewed instruction to the brethren, of more than ordinary importance, owing to the fact that the officers elect were absent from their halls, in obedience to the requirements of our national government, for volunteers, to sustain the integrity of the Union. The active duties of the Lodges, in the mean time, devolved upon those who were not well prepared for the emergency, and who, therefore, desired the aid of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

Amid the great political trials of our country, it gives me pleasure to state that the interests of our Order have been maintained with commendable zeal by the faithful of our household; indeed, our Lodges are dearer to us now than ever, for there we find order, and unity, and peace.

While some of our noble brothers, whose cordial greetings we miss on this occasion, are battling for the overthrow of anarchy, and the preservation of law, on fields as extensive as the nation itself, others, on fields less extensive, but equally sacred, are laboring to support the same principles at home.

Among the numerous evidences around us of Masonic prosperity, I refer with pride to the well-appointed Masonic Halls which adorn our State. Among those more recently erected, it is my duty to notice the halls at Fentonville and Coldwater, as every way worthy of the craft, and exemplifying the energy, perseverance, and public spirit of our brethren in those localities.

In my previous reports, I have so fully detailed my modes of communicating Masonic knowledge to the Lodges, and the brethren here assembled are so familiar with my course of instruction in regard to lectures and work, that any further allusion to the subject is unnecessary, at this time. But events that have transpired in our beloved country since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge—events peculiarly painful to every true-hearted Mason—have called upon me, as your representative, in part, to present to the lodges within your jurisdiction a Mason's duty to his country, in this, the dark hour of her trial. This duty is founded on a great Masonic principle; a principle which gave birth to Masonry itself; a principle that guided the construction of King Solomon's Temple from its commencement to its completion; a principle that has preserved the Masonic institution for ages, amid the violence of bitter political and religious controversies—amid the overthrow of States and the downfall of Empires.

This principle is "AN OBSERVANCE OF LAW," *the only peaceful means of maintaining order.*

Amid the fearful conflict now raging in our country, and desolating some of the fairest sections of the Union, a Free and Accepted Mason has but to remember the solemn charge impressed upon him when first initiated as a member of our ancient fraternity, to know his duty as a citizen.

Political fealty to the constitution and laws of the land is a sacred obligation binding upon all, but more especially upon a Mason, as nowhere is this duty more solemnly enjoined than within our Masonic halls. We quote *the language of the record*, for it is as singularly applicable to the times, as it is plain and impressive.

"In the State you are to be a quiet and peaceful subject, true to your government, and just to your country. You are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live."

In a Masonic Lodge, ORDER—"Heaven's First Law"—reigns supreme. Rebellion against law and order in our Lodges would be death to Free Masonry; hence a Mason cannot be a rebel or a traitor. When he becomes either, he is no longer a Mason. *Ethiopia will be closed against him, for he has forfeited his right to the pass*, and the North-East corner of the Lodge, that witnessed his triumphant admission into our ancient institution will be darkened at the remembrance of his degradation and fall. Even the *sprig of accacia* will wither and die, should any mistaken brother presume to plant it in the head of his grave.

Afflicted, as I have been at times, during the latter half of the past year, with almost total blindness, I have still reason to be thankful to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe that some rays of light remain to guide my footsteps through the venerated halls where the most fraternal kindness and brotherly love have been extended to me by our Masonic brethren, for which I owe them this heartfelt acknowledgment

S. BLANCHARD.

The W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer then exemplified the work in the several degrees, after which the R. W. D. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when Bro. SOUTHWORTH called for the compilation of the edicts of this Grand Lodge, ordered last year.

The Grand Secretary presented the manuscript, whereupon it was referred to committee on Masonic Law, with instructions to report at the next annual communication.

The standing committee on grievances, then presented the following report:

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS, AND BRETHREN
OF THE G. L. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The committee of grievances, to whom were referred sundry matters, respectfully submit the following report :

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. A. J. Sawyer, from the decision of Eureka Lodge, No. 107, we find the following facts : Bro. A. J. Sawyer having appealed from a formal decision of said Lodge to this Grand Lodge, this G. Lodge reversed the decision of said Eureka Lodge, and referred the whole matter back for the *final* action of said Eureka Lodge, as appears on page 57 of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1861. That after the matter was so referred back, the Lodge proceeded at once, and without any notice to the accused brother, to a new hearing of the proofs in the Lodge, and to a final vote thereupon, and by such vote expelled the accused brother, from which final decision this appeal is taken. Your committee are of opinion, that inasmuch as the whole matter had been referred back to said Lodge for its final action, that it was not necessary to take the proofs anew, but that the tribunal having been in some degree changed by the incoming of new members and absence of old ones, the brother was entitled to notice of such final action, that he might be fully heard in his defense, and full opportunity given him to give any reason or produce any argument that might justly have produced a different action in the case. We think that in this respect the Lodge erred, and that the decree of expulsion ought to be set aside, and the whole matter referred back to the Lodge for its action, and from evidence produced before us of a kindly and brotherly spirit on the part of the Lodge towards the accused brother, and of a disposition on his part to make every atonement that could well be demanded of a brother, (assuming both to be sincere,) we recommend the careful application to this case of the principles of Masonic charity and brotherly love.

We recommend to this G. L. the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the final action of Eureka Lodge, No. 107, in proceeding to a vote and expelling Bro. A. J. SAWYER without notice, and without giving a new opportunity to be heard in his defense, was irregular and void, and is hereby set aside, and that the whole matter be referred back to said Lodge for its further action.

In the matter of the application of Bro. J. J. AUSTIN, (we can hardly call it an appeal,) we find the following facts : Bro. AUSTIN was initiated, passed, and raised in the Romeo Lodge, No. 41, and after remaining a member of said Lodge some two years, removed from its jurisdiction, and asked for a demit, and as appears by letters and papers produced, paid his dues. On the 17th of April, 1856, that Lodge, as appears by its records, granted him a demit, "he having paid all his dues." The demit seems to have fallen into other hands, and afterwards returned to said Lodge, the brother, in the mean time, using reasonable efforts to obtain it. That subsequently, on account of some matter not satisfactorily explained to this committee, in the year 1859, said Lodge, without notice to said brother, suspended him for the non-payment of dues, and that upon its coming to his knowledge he appealed to this Grand Body. That owing to some misapprehension of the facts, and the neglect of the Lodge to send hither a full record of its proceedings in the case, the appeal

was dismissed, as appears by the report of the committee, on page 86 of the proceedings of this G. L. in 1860. This brother now, through the Owosso Lodge, has made a new appeal, and asks for a review of the said proceedings.

Your committee are fully satisfied, that the brother was demitted after full payment, instead of before such payment, as stated by such former report. That the action of said Lodge, in afterwards suspending him, was irregular, and that he is now entitled to a demit as of the date when formerly granted, and therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the suspension of Bro. J. J. AUSTIN by Romeo Lodge No. 41, for non-payment of dues, was irregular and void, that said brother is entitled to a demit of the date of April 17, 1866, and that said Lodge is hereby directed to grant and issue such demit to said brother as of that date.

All of which is respectfully submitted. And your committee having no further business before them, respectfully ask to be discharged.

WM. T. MITCHELL,
D. A. WRIGHT,
WM. WALKER.

The standing committee on examination then made the following report :

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The standing committee on examinations respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the several applications for charters, from Lodges now working under dispensation, and finding their work to have been substantially correct, and in accordance with the constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge, would recommend that charters be granted to them as follows :

Stockbridge Lodge, No. 130, at Stockbridge, Ingham Co.,
Newaygo Lodge, No. 131, at Newaygo, Newaygo Co.,
Linden Lodge, No. 132, at Linden, Genesee Co.,
Saline Lodge, No. 133, at Saline, Washtenaw Co.,
Holly Lodge, No. 134, at Holly, Oakland Co.,
Quincy Lodge, No. 135, at Hancock,
Pokagon Lodge, No. 136, at Pokagon,

Upon filing with the G. S. a copy of their by-laws, approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

And your committee would further report, that they have had under consideration a petition of certain brethren now working under dispensation at Memphis, asking for an extension of their dispensation until the next annual session of this Lodge, would recommend that an extension be granted in accordance with the prayer of said petitioners.

Your committee further report, that they have received two applications for dispensation, one from certain brethren residing at Huron city, and the other from certain brethren residing at Port Hope, no demits accompanying either application ; and it also satisfactorily appears, that the brethren asking

for said dispensations, are members of Lexington Lodge. Your committee, therefore, report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, for the reasons above given.

Your committee would further recommend, that a charter be re-issued to Meridian Lodge free of charge, in accordance with the recommendation of M. W. D. G. M.

Your committee would further report, that Anchor Lodge, No. 87, at Kalamazoo, on the 31st of December, 1861, passed a vote surrendering its charter, and forwarded the same to this Grand Lodge, and it now holds the seal and records of the Lodge subject to the order of this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend, that the charter of said Lodge be received, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to receive the seal, records, and other property of said Lodge.

Your committee further report, that the brethren at Menden, working under a dispensation, ask for an extension of their dispensation until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge. Your committee would recommend, that an extension be granted in accordance with the request of the brethren.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

HUGH McCURDY,
LUCIUS LILLEY,
SEAMAN L. DART,
Committee on Examinations.

The case of Bro. O. E. PARKER was called up, and on motion, the papers in relation to it, among the files of last, were taken from there and referred to the committee on grievances.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, The hall of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 42, has been destroyed by fire within the last year, consuming all the records and furniture ; therefore,

Resolved, That the dues of said Lodge, for the year 1861, be, and they are hereby, remitted.

The committee, to whom was referred so much of the R. W. D. Grand Master's address, as relates to the decease of our late Grand Treasurer, made the following report :

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of our M. E. G. Master, as relates to the decease of our late G. Treasurer, W. H. McOMBER, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the subject committed to them, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the supreme will of Him who has taken out of this world the soul of our worthy brother, W. H. McOMBER.

Resolved, That he was a good man and an upright Mason—good and upright in all the relations of life—and especially in having filled with honor to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of his brethren, for many years, the responsible office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That we trust he has been called by the Supreme Grand Master from labor in this world, to refreshment on high.

And Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit this action of this Grand Lodge to the mourning family and relatives of our deceased brother, with assurances of the sincere sympathy and condolence of this Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. CORSON,
W. GRAVES,
J. WOODRUFF.

The committee, to whom was referred the matter of Butler Lodge No. 88, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The committee to whom was referred matters relating to Butler Lodge, No. 88, respectfully report, that they have ascertained that said Lodge has, without any permission of this Grand Body, or any urgent necessity, removed its place of holding meetings some five miles. And yet, there being some extenuating circumstances connected with said removal, they recommend the appointment of a special committee, whose duty it shall be to investigate this whole matter, and report to this Grand Lodge at its next annual session.

All which is respectfully submitted,

L. H. CORSON,
JOHN CLARK,
D. H. LORD.

The R. W. D. Grand Master appointed our Rev. Bro. L. H. CORSON such committee.

The committee on Masonic Law then made the following reports, which were accepted and adopted :

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The committee to whom was referred the resolution, that Bro. THOS. BATES, formerly a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 26, indefinitely suspended for unmasonic conduct, be restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, would report, that, inasmuch as "Morning Star Lodge" is not now in existence, and the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the subject, and it further appearing to your committee, that Bro. THOMAS BATES has purged himself of the offense of which he was convicted, by non-payment of money borrowed by Bro. BATES of a foreign brother, therefore, your committee recommend the passage of the resolution.

R. P. ELDREDGE,
Chairman of Com.

TO THE MOST W. GRAND LODGE :

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Ionia Lodge, beg leave to report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and find, from the proceedings and records of Grand Lodge for 1858, that there has never been an appeal by Bro. HINDS from the decision of Ionia Lodge ; that the action of the Grand Lodge in 1858 was upon petition. See page forty-six of transaction of that year.

By section 4, article 6, of constitution of the Grand Lodge, it appears to your committee, by reference to Bro. MACKER, Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, pages 542 and 545, that Ionia Lodge has jurisdiction in the matter. This Grand Lodge has also concurrent jurisdiction in the premises. (Reads from MACKER.) Therefore, inasmuch as it appears, that Bro. HINDS has repented and reformed, and pledges his good conduct for the future, your committee recommend that the Grand Lodge restore Bro. HINDS to the rights and benefits of Masonry.

R. P. ELDRIDGE,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
WM. T. MITCHELL,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. LOVELL MOORE, it was

Resolved, That Newaygo Lodge, No. 131, to whom a charter has this day been granted, be, and the members thereof are hereby, authorized to hold a special communication for the election of officers, on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M., upon giving due and timely notice thereof to each and every member of said Lodge.

Bro. MOORE offered the following resolution, which, after being considered, was, on motion, laid on the table :

Resolved, That no moneys shall be paid out or withdrawn from the treasury of this Grand Lodge on account of any services of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, during the current year.

Bro. E. G. MORTON offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas, The present facilities for filing away the archives of this Grand Lodge are inadequate to the wants of the same at this time, and are wholly insufficient for the future: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure a suitable case for the proper accommodation and security of the same.

Bro. WILSON offered the following resolution, which, after consideration, was laid on the table :

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master appoint a special committee to divide this Grand Jurisdiction into four lecturing districts, the representatives from each present to nominate a lecturer from each district, to be approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

The following resolution was then offered, which, on motion, was referred to a special committee of three :

Resolved, That the Grand Visitor and Lecturer be required to visit and instruct every Lodge within this jurisdiction once in each year.

The R. W. D. Grand Master appointed Bro's Hon. R. P. ELDRIDGE, LOVELL MOORE, and B. PORTER, JR., such committee.

Bro. H. McCURDY, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, At the last session of this Grand Lodge, a resolution was adopted directing the Grand Secretary to procure a set of photographic likenesses of the M. W. Grand Masters, from the reorganizing of this Grand Lodge in 1843.

And Whereas, Our highly esteemed and venerable Brother, Hon. LEWIS CASS, is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, while our State was in a Territorial condition : Therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, That our worthy Brother, the Hon. LEWIS CASS, is hereby requested to furnish this Grand Lodge with his likeness.

Resolved, That Bro. H. A. MORROW be instructed to deliver to our worthy brother, a copy of this preamble and resolution.

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER :

The committee to whom was referred the resolution requiring the Grand Visitor and Lecturer to visit and instruct every Lodge within this jurisdiction once in each year, have had the matter under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report :

The subject embraced in the resolution is not free of difficulty. In the opinion of the committee it would not be possible for one man to visit and instruct every Lodge in the State within the year. Our constitution requires the election of a Grand Visitor each year. In view then of the duties incumbent upon this body, it seems that such measures should be adopted as would enable the fraternity to realize the greatest benefit that could be obtained from the services of such an officer consistent with the ability of the Grand Lodge.

Therefore, your committee, in view of all the circumstances, report the following resolutions, in place of the one referred to them, and would respectfully recommend its adoption, viz. :

Resolved, That it shall be, and it is hereby made, the duty of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, to visit and instruct all the Lodges within this jurisdiction which have been chartered within the past two years, and such Lodges as are or shall be under dispensation during the present year, and also all such other Lodges in this jurisdiction as may duly request his services.

Resolved, That there shall be paid to the Grand Visitor and Lecturer for his services during the present year by the Grand Lodge, the sum of \$600,

and that each Lodge he shall visit, shall, in addition thereto, pay him the sum of \$3.00, for each visit.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed, to furnish the Grand Visitor and Lecturer a list of the Lodges which have been chartered during the past two years, and of such lodges as are now, or may be, acting under dispensation during the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. P. ELDRIDGE,
L. MOORE,
B. PORTER, JR.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the special order, to-wit: The annual election of Grand Officers. The election was proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices set opposite their names, respectively, to-wit:

FRANCIS DARROW, of Pontiac	GRAND MASTER.
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, of Centreville	D. GRAND MASTER.
F. CARLISLE, of Detroit	S. GRAND WARDEN.
MICHAEL AYERS, of Fentonville	J. GRAND WARDEN.
REV. GEORGE TAYLOR, of Ann Arbor	G. CHAPLAIN.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, of Detroit	G. ARCHITECT.
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit	G. SECRETARY.
RUFUS W. LANDON, of Niles	G. TREASURER.
STILMAN BLANCHARD, of Detroit	GRAND VISITOR AND L.
GEORGE W. WILSON, of Ionia	S. GRAND DEACON.
T. H. TRACEY, of Battle Creek	J. GRAND DEACON.
J. S. JUDSON, of Bay City	G. MARSHAL.
R. B. PIPER, of Hudson	G. SWORD BEARER.
E. P. WORDEN, of Ionia	G. PURSUIVANT.
CHARLES D. HOWARD	G. STEWARD AND TILER.

The committee heretofore appointed on the state of the country, reported that they had had the subject under consideration, and while they deeply deplored, as every Mason must, the present unhappy and disturbed condition of affairs, they were strongly of the opinion that it was neither the duty nor policy of this Grand Body to give any expression of views on political questions which deeply agitate the nation at large, and upon which Masons were divided in sentiment and feeling. It had always been the policy of the Order to refrain from interference in questions of National and State politics, because upon all such questions Masons are

divided in opinion, and because the discussion of such themes is calculated to irritate the passions and disturb that perfect harmony which should ever exist between the members of the fraternity. A different course of action would not only lead to dissensions among ourselves, but would soon destroy the universality of the institution, and render our principles sectional in their influence and operation. For these reasons the committee were decidedly opposed to any expression of opinion as to the causes or motives which have produced the present troubles of our country. It was sufficient for them that we knew our duty and had the disposition to perform it fearless of consequences. At the same time the committee did not wish to be misunderstood. As Masons, they had been taught to revere government, and be true and loyal citizens, and it was not without sorrow and regret that they witnessed the effort that was making to destroy what they considered the noblest and best government on the face of the globe. But as it was not the province of Masons to discuss political, or questions of State policy, we must content ourselves with endeavoring to keep whole the bonds of union which still subsisted between the members of the craft in every part of our country, and leave to others the discussion of mixed questions of politics.

The committee closed their report with the fervent hope that peace might speedily be restored to gladden thousands of hearts, and make happy thousands of homes. The report was unanimously adopted and ordered printed.

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the D. Grand Master's address as relates to Military Lodges, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

R E P O R T .

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the granting of warrants or charters to our beloved brethren who are now in the Federal army defending the flag of our country, beg leave to report that, in their opinion, the granting of warrants or charters to open Lodges in any of the States of this government, is inexpedient and wrong: Therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, our R. W. Deputy Grand Master, FRANCIS DARROW, has, in refusing the several petitions for warrants or charters to our brethren in the Federal army, acted in strict accordance with Masonic Law and Justice.

JAMES FENTON,
A. B. CUDWORTH,
J. E. MARVIN,
B. PORTER, JR.,
E. E. BEBEE.

The standing committee on grievances then made the following report, which was accepted and referred to the committee on Masonic Law.

R E P O R T.

The committee on grievances to whom was referred the matter of difference between Excelsior Lodge, No. 116, located at Grass Lake, and Michigan Lodge, No. 50, located at Jackson, respectfully report that they find the facts as follows:

Two persons residing at Brooklyn, a village situated fourteen miles from Jackson and twelve from Grass Lake, and east of a line drawn due north and south between Jackson and Grass Lake, having applied to the Michigan Lodge for membership, the Michigan Lodge at that time supposing Brooklyn to be within the limits of the jurisdiction of Excelsior Lodge, applied to Excelsior Lodge for permission to initiate, pass and raise them in Michigan Lodge. Excelsior granted the permission upon the terms that the fees should be paid over to that Lodge, less the Grand Lodge dues, and Michigan Lodge, without giving notice to Excelsior Lodge of any different claim of jurisdiction, or of dissent from the imposed condition, proceeded to initiate, pass and raise one of the proposed members and to initiate the other, and Excelsior Lodge now claims that there is due to it therefor from Michigan Lodge eighteen dollars, and demands payment. The Michigan Lodge, in the mean time, having become satisfied that Brooklyn is properly in its jurisdiction, declines payment, and refer the question to this Grand Lodge.

The question of jurisdictional limits of Subordinate Lodges is one accompanied with considerable difficulty, and sometimes leads to differences that ought not to exist.

In this case Jackson and Grass Lake are ten miles apart, so that the centre of jurisdiction is five miles from each. Brooklyn is to the east and south of that centre, but Jackson now, on account of roads, is the business point for Brooklyn, and Grass Lake is more difficult of access, the most feasible route being through Jackson.

Your committee are of opinion that, in this and similar cases, the jurisdiction should not be exclusive to either Lodge, but concurrent in each. That the jurisdiction should not be governed by straight and arbitrary lines, but by circles, the Lodges forming the centre, and the halfway points, the limits, and outside of these, where the circles would not meet nor infringe the jurisdiction, is concurrent, or may be governed by circumstances of convenience or accessibility, and should be agreed upon by conflicting Lodges, and not referred to this body for discussion.

In this case, from uncertainty in regard to the equity of the claim, we refer it back to the Lodge for its further action.

WILLIAM T. MITCHELL,
WILLIAM WALKER,
D. A. WRIGHT.

The following resolution was offered and referred to committee on Masonic Law :

Resolved, That it is unmasonic to black-ball a brother Fellow Craft repeatedly, without either giving some reason therefor, or preferring charges against him in due form.

On motion of Hon. R. P. ELDRIDGE, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon our distinguished Past Grand Master, General Lewis Cass, and invite him to visit the Grand Lodge at such time as may be convenient to him.

The R. W. D. Grand Master appointed Bros. Hon. R. P. ELDRIDGE, Hon. W. GRAVES, and Hon. H. A. MORROW, such committee.

On motion of Bro. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, it was

Resolved, That Holly Lodge, to which a charter has been granted at this communication, be allowed to hold an election for officers of said Lodge on the 15th day of this month.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the installation of grand officers elect be made the special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 7½ o'clock, this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The R. W. D. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when the Committee on Masonic Law made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT:

TO THE M. W. GRAND MASTER:

The committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the matter in difference as to jurisdiction between Jackson and Excelsior Lodges, have had the matter under consideration, and would respectfully report: That the jurisdiction of a subordinate Lodge extends to, and embraces all territory that is nearer to it than to any other Lodge. That it is inexpedient to permit concurrent jurisdiction without cities and large villages. The only reason why concurrent jurisdiction is granted in cases of cities and villages is, that the members of such Lodges become too numerous for profitable labor. To permit concurrent jurisdiction in other cases, would open a wide field for jealousy and discontent, and would, in the opinion of your committee, tend greatly to disturb the peace and harmony of the fraternity, claiming this concurrent jurisdiction. Your committee would therefore submit to the Grand Lodge that the only proper way in which to determine whether an applicant for initiation is within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, is to ascertain whether he lives nearer to the Lodge where he applies, than to any other Lodge, by a straight line. If this should be the opinion of the Grand Lodge, then your committee cannot see the necessity of any further proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the premises, except to certify to the said Excelsior and Jackson Lodges their determination, and what the ancient landmarks require in like cases. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. P. ELDRIDGE,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON.

Whereupon, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the only way to determine whether a candidate applying for initiation is within its jurisdiction, is to ascertain whether the candidate lives nearer that Lodge than to any other Lodge.

The D. Grand Master then called upon the W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer to exemplify the work and lectures, which occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge until a late hour; after which he called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. D. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when Bro. McCurdy offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, Pokagon Lodge, through a mistake of the Master, while working under the first Dispensation, suffered the same to expire, and the brethren of the Lodge had to pay twenty dollars for a second dispensation, making, in all, the sum of forty dollars paid for Dispensations.

And Whereas, a charter has been granted to said Pokagon Lodge, at the present session of this Grand Lodge: Therefore,

Resolved, That said Pokagon Lodge receive its charter, upon paying the further sum of ten dollars.

The standing committee on grievances then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

R E P O R T .

The committee on grievances having received satisfactory evidence, in the case of the appeal of Bro. O. E. PARKER, from the decision of Lexington Lodge, No. 61, that the accused brother was before the committee of investigation, and knew of the action then being taken against him, respectfully report that while they insist that, in all cases of prosecution, full notice should be given to the accused brother of all proceedings in the Lodge and before the committee, they are of opinion that, by the appearance and presence of said brother before the committee he waived formal notice, and therefore, finding the proceedings sufficiently regular to be entertained by this Lodge, they have examined the evidence, and find that the accused brother, while treasurer of said Lodge, did misappropriate the funds of said Lodge, improperly converting them into town and county orders without the consent, and against the expressed will of said Lodge, and afterwards refused to pay the orders of the Lodge properly drawn upon him, and treated the action of the Lodge relative thereto with contempt.

Your committee therefore report the facts as found, without expressing any opinion as to the justice of the sentence of expulsion, and refer the same to this Lodge for such action as may be deemed proper.

WILLIAM T. MITCHELL,
D. A. WRIGHT,
WILLIAM WALKER.

Whereupon the following resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the action of Lexington Lodge, No. 61, expelling Bro. ORSON E. PARKER from the rights and benefits of Masonry be, and the same is hereby, affirmed.

BRO. F. RALEIGH offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated to defray the expenses of the acting Most Worshipful Grand Master during the past year.

On motion of D. A. WRIGHT, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to publish the names of members of Subordinate Lodges, with the printed transactions of this year.

On motion of Bro. AYERS, it was

Resolved, That Linden Lodge, chartered at the present session of the Grand Lodge, be authorized and empowered to hold an election of officers on the 14th day of January, 1863, and an installation as soon thereafter as to them is convenient.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all Lodges chartered at this Grand Lodge, unless otherwise specially ordered, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to hold their first election of officers at their first regular meeting after receiving their charter.

The special committee to wait upon Past Grand Master General LEWIS CASS, appeared and stated that they had performed the pleasing duty assigned it, and had waited on General Cass at his residence, and had met with a kind, courteous, and fraternal reception. The General, though far advanced in years, being in the eightieth year of his age, is as vigorous in mind as he was twenty years ago. His general health is remarkably good, though at the present moment he is laboring under temporary indisposition. The committee informed our aged brother of the object of their visit, and requested him to accompany them to the Lodge room, where a warm reception awaited him from the members of the Order, to whom he was known by his world-wide reputation as a statesman and orator, and by whom he was greatly respected for his many virtues, and to whom it would give inexpressible pleasure to see him once more in the Lodge room which he had adorned by his virtues and his talents. The veteran Mason was moved and gratified at this mark of esteem, and begged the committee to assure the Grand Lodge of his continued confidence in, and devotion to, the principles of our Order. He believed that our principles had done much good to society by restraining the passions and desires of men, and in inculcating a higher tone of moral sentiment than is taught or practiced by the world at large. He said, also, that he was the first Grand Master of the first Grand Lodge of the Territory of Michigan, and he believed he was the first Grand Master of the first Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio. He was the Grand Master of the latter State, and he was under the impression that he was its *first* Grand Master. He said his reminiscences connected with the Order were of the most pleasant character. He well recollected, also, the ordeal through which the order passed during the anti-masonic excoitement. He was, at the time, Grand Master of the then Territory of Michigan, and he was present when the Lodge

suspended its labors. We never *disbanded*, he said, with emphasis, but we *suspended* our labors until the passions and fanaticism of men should subside. They have subsided, and we now see what small foundation there was for the excitement which swept, like a flood, through the length and the breadth of the country. He said he never had a very high respect for the men who encouraged the crusade against Masonry, for the purpose of mounting to power on the popular breath. The interview of the committee with General Cass was very gratifying, apparently, to both parties. At parting, he desired the committee to present his compliments and greetings to the Grand Body, and to say he wished them success in the good work in which they were engaged, but on account of indisposition and the inclemency of the day, he was compelled to decline the very kind and gratifying invitation which he had received.

On motion of Bro. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure and present to our W. G. Secretary a suitable testimonial for his long-continued services and faithfulness as such Secretary.

The R. W. D. Grand Master appointed Bros. MITCHELL, MOR-
TON, and MOORE such committee.

On motion of Bro. CUDWORTH, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable official jewel for the use of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer of this Grand Lodge, at the expense of the said Grand Lodge.

The committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

R E P O R T .

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to casting of a black ball, on the ballot for advancement of an entered apprentice, was referred. Your committee would report that the right of a brother to vote as he deems his duty requires, without giving any reasons therefor, is undoubted. That the right is a sacred one, guarded by the ancient land marks of our Order.

Your committee would therefore report the resolution back to the Grand Lodge, and recommend the indefinite postponement thereof.

R. P. ELDRIDGE,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
WM. MITCHELL.

The Grand Secretary then read the following letters received by him. :

DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE RAILWAY,

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, MICH., December 12th, 1861.

DEAR SIR :—We shall be glad to extend the same facilities this year. Please send me copy of your certificate to be issued, saying when the session will meet, that I may notify conductors.

Yours, respectfully,

W. K. MUIR.

JAS. FENTON, *Grand Secretary,*

Masonic Lodge, Detroit.

Owosso, Dec. 14th, 1861.

TO THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

DEAR SIR :—Agreeable to your request through H. C. HODGE, Esq., you are hereby authorized to give *return tickets free*, on our Road to the returning members of the Lodge and Chapter, to be held in Detroit during the month of January next.

Very truly yours,

A. L. WILLIAMS,

President of the Amboy, Lansing, and Traverse Bay R. R. Company.

Whereupon Bro. McCURDY offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to Wm. K. MUIR, Esq., General Superintendent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway, and to A. L. WILLIAMS, Esq., President of the Amboy, Lansing, and Traverse Bay Railroad, for their courtesy and liberality in granting return passes to the members of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to these gentlemen a copy of this resolution.

The R. W. D. Grand Master then stated that the hour had arrived for installing the Grand Officers elect, whereupon the following brethren were severally installed by P. G. Master Levi Cook, into the following stations and places respectively, to-wit:

FRANCIS DARROW,	. . . .	GRAND MASTER.
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,	. . . .	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
F. CARLISLE,	. . . .	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
MICHAEL AYERS,	. . . .	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
REV. GEORGE TAYLOR,	. . . .	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
WILLIAM BARCLAY,	. . . .	GRAND ARCHITECT.
JAMES FENTON,	. . . .	GRAND SECRETARY.

RUFUS W. LANDON,	GRAND TREASURER.
STILLMAN BLANCHARD,	GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.
GEORGE WILSON,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
T. H. TRACEY,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
J. S. JUDSON,	GRAND MARSHAL.
R. B. PIPER,	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
E. P. WORDEN,	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
CHARLES D. HOWARD,	GRAND STEWARD AND TILER.

The standing committees on accounts then presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

The standing committee on accounts, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the following accounts, and find them correct :

No. 1. Grand Treasurer's account, exhibiting a balance of \$92.45, in his hands.

No. 2. Grand Secretary's account, showing a balance due him of \$33.95 ; they recommend a warrant be drawn in his favor for that amount.

No. 3. GEORGE DOTY, for P. G. Master Jewel, for P. G. Master GREENLY, \$10.00, as ordered by Grand Lodge.

No. 4. CHARLES W. MOORE, for "*Free Masons Magazine*," to July, 1861, \$6.00.

No. 5. J. J. RANDALL, balance for photographs of P. G. Masters, \$6.60.

No. 6. RICHMONDS & BACKUS, stationery, \$18.98.

Your committee recommend that warrants be ordered for the several balances on accounts, numbered 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR M. CLARK,
O. BOURKE,
THOMAS HURST.

DETROIT, Jan. 10, 1862.

On motion of Bro. JOHN N. GOTT, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to procure a jewel for our Past Grand Master, HORACE ROBERTS.

On motion of Bro. Landon, it was

Resolved, That the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Detroit.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That our brother Howard, Grand Steward and Tiler, be allowed for services for attendance on this Grand Body, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be and hereby is appropriated to Monroe Chapter for the use of this room and the office of the Grand Secretary for the current year.

No further business appearing, the M. W. Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST :



Jas. Feuton.

Grand Secretary.

(By request.)

POEM READ BEFORE THE GRAND LODGE.

BY P. H. TAYLOR.

"Happy to meet,—Sorry to part,—Happy to meet again!"

OLD MASONIC TOAST.

ONE year has rolled her circuit round the sun,
 Since last we met, here, at this altar throne;
 Since last we parted—"PARTED ON THE SQUARE,"
 With buoyant hopes, to meet another year.

What change since then! We parted glad and gay,
 With those we hoped to meet with here to-day,
 The friends who gave us then a light farewell,
 Where are they all? What human tongue can tell?

Not mine; for far from friends and home, our own
 Have stood, while many a gallant one,
 As brave as noble, as generous, kind and good,
 Has made the earth warm with his vital blood.

Such change that our torn country mourns the brave
 Who fell defending laws that patriots gave,
 Fell for that flag, which over land and sea
 So long has waved—the banner of the free.

Fought for their homes, for all they held most dear,
 Fought manfully, and fell without a fear;
 Fought, that our starry flag again might wave
 O'er all the land, our fathers to us gave.

They nobly fell, and in a glorious cause—
 Our country's honor, and our country's laws;
 Midst cowards brave! and midst brave traitors true!
 A nation's gratitude to each is due.

A year of parting, sad, since last we met,
 Whose eye has been undimmed, whose cheek unwet?
 Who has not said, good-by, to friends now gone,
 Though living still—may never more return!

Who has not stood where death's cold hand was laid
 On some young form they loved, and see it fade?
 Nor seen the man whose sun was scarcely high,
 His work half done—fall at his post and die!

Has no loved sire, whose three score years and ten,
 Now full of kindness to his fellow-men,
 Let go his hold on life, and passed that bourne,
 Which mortals passing, never return?

Or, must we look, and note the change made here to-day,
To learn that simple truth—we soon shall pass away?
Our ranks, they are broken! Long honored McOMMER!
We see him no more—he has passed from our number!

Faithful he was to the trust that we gave him,
Peaceful he sleeps in the dust where they laid him;
Where, in brotherly love, we will rear o'er his head,
To his goodness a tribute that soon shall not fade.

Where they've laid him to rest, let his faults all be hidden,
Or remembered at all—in the sands be they written,
That the tears from some willing heart, rising to-day,
May fall on the record, and wash it away.

Happy to meet again! See what a greeting,
Home friends long parted, rejoice in when meeting,
When we turn from our wanderings, and rest for awhile,
With the mother we love, 'neath a fond father's smile.

How we talk of the past, of its joy and its sorrow,
Of the hopes that illumined a brighter to-morrow,
Of bosom friends missing—when again shall we greet them?
Ah! the heart has its fears—we never shall meet them!

So, meeting to-day, with our altar before us,
Thoughts of the past cast their memories o'er us,
Of meetings so pleasant, of partings so sad,
When the *absent ones* now, made every heart glad.

Of ROBERTS, oft with us—'midst strangers to-day,
And FANTON, once honored, now far, far away,
With INNIS and RHODES, and so many aloof—
Aye, there's JACOBS and DOUGHTY from our temple of truth.

Why missing so many? Are vows at our altar
For Zion forgotten—that these seem to falter?
No, 'twas the call of our country—they heard it, they're gone,
We miss them to-day—when will they return?

A prayer for the *absent*—Our Father defend them!
Guide thou their wanderings, and every good send them;
Save thou the falling, and cheer the down-hearted,
Let "Light," strength and comfort, to each be imparted.

If tears could awaken those laborers sleeping,
From toll on our temple, 'twere wrong to be weeping,
Each true to his trust, from the rising wall falling,
Has found, in pure light, the reward of his tolling.

But mourn as we will, all vain is our sighing,
So over each grave where our loved ones are lying,
Immortality's emblem—the green sprig in our sorrow,
We'll plant, and then wait for Eternity's morrow.

Then away to our task, each faithful one springing,
We'll fill up life's measure with tolling and singing,
Till our GRAND MASTER calls us, then away in our gladness,
To that land which is cursed by no parting or sadness.

EXPULLED.

NAME.	LODGE.	CAUSE.
Benj. F. McDonald.....	from Rochester....No. 5,	for u. m. c.
Lewis W. Warner.....	" Washington .. " 7,	" n. p. d.
D. Reame.....	" Trenton .. " 8,	" "
Geo. Carson.....	" " .. " 8,	" "
Wm. Davis.....	" " .. " 8,	" "
Thomas Welch.....	" Lyons .. " 37,	" u. m. c.
C. A. Holmes.....	" " .. " 37,	" "
Robert H. Crampton.....	" " .. " 37,	" "
John S. Martin.....	" Western Star. " 39,	" "
Benjamin Todd.....	" Franklin " 40,	" "
John Hinks.....	" Almont .. " 51,	" "
John G. Freeman.....	" Hastings .. " 52,	" "
Thomas Hollihan.....	" Port Huron... " 58,	" "
John W. Canfield.....	" " .. " 58,	" "
M. Bortman.....	" " .. " 58,	" "
Jas. Pickering.....	" " .. " 58,	" "
J. B. Goodsell.....	" " .. " 58,	" "
A. Telfer.....	" " .. " 58,	" "
John Kelly.....	" Lexington " 61,	" "
Henry Lester.....	" Capitol, S. O.. " 66,	" "
C. O. Scott.....	" " .. " 66,	" "
Richard Moyle.....	" Ontonagon.... " 67,	" n. p. d.
J. M. Rhodes.....	" " .. " 67,	" "
Wm. Van Schaick.....	" " .. " 67,	" "
O. P. Barnes.....	" " .. " 67,	" "
S. H. Brown.....	" " .. " 67,	" "
John R. Livingston.....	" " .. " 67,	" u. m. c.
Orsena H. Hadlock.....	" Butler .. " 88,	" "
G. D. Truax.....	" Prairie..... " 92,	" "
Wm. Bugbee.....	" Star .. " 93,	" "
Carnes Boutwell.....	" Decatur .. " 99,	" n. p. d.
J. G. Hunter.....	" " .. " 99,	" "
James H. Benson.....	" St. Johns.... " 105,	" u. m. c.
William Rollo.....	" Corunna .. " 115,	" "
James C. Wallace.....	" " .. " 115,	" "
James M. Vanslyke.....	" " .. " 115,	" "
John W. Denton.....	" Ottawa..... " 122,	" "

REINSTATED.

WILLIAM MUNGER.....	by Hiram Lodge, No. 110.
THOMAS BATES.....	by the Grand Lodge.
PHILANDER HINDS.....	by the Grand Lodge.

1862. *TABULAR STATEMENT for the year ending December 27th, 1861.*

No.	LODGER.	MASTERS.	ADDRES.	Initiated.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted.	Suspended.	No. of Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
1	ZION.....	Hon. H. A. Morrow..	Detroit.....	6	...	...	6	...	7	...	114	\$33 15	
2	DETROIT.....	Oliver Bourke.....	Detroit.....	11	5	...	10	...	4	...	179	54 50	
3	UNION OF S. O.....	James Fenton.....	Detroit.....	9	4	...	4	5	14	4	120	37 63	
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY.....	John Woodruff.....	Niles.....	4	5	...	1	3	7	...	64	17 50	
5	ROCHESTER.....	J. V. Lamberton.....	Rochester.....	2	2	1	...	...	3	6	38	11 50	
6	MT. CLEMENS.....	W. S. Robinson.....	Mt. Clemens.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	4 25	
7	WASHINGTON.....	Theron Hamilton.....	Tekonsha.....	3	2	1	...	...	3	1	31	11 50	
8	TRENTON.....	A. McIlhinney.....	Trenton.....	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	30	9 50	
9	EVERGREEN.....	Geo. L. Cornell.....	St. Clair.....	4	...	...	...	1	3	...	45	13 25	
10	DOWAGIAC.....	P. D. Reckwith.....	Dowagiac.....	6	4	...	1	...	12	7	64	19 00	
11	PINE GROVE.....	John S. Crellin.....	Pt. Huron.....	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	51	12 50	
12	BATTLE CREEK.....	T. H. Tracey.....	Battle Creek.....	6	4	2	...	...	3	5	98	30 27	
13	PHENIX.....	David Edwards.....	Ypsilanti.....	7	16	...	1	...	1	...	83	24 00	
14	MURAT.....	F. W. Sheldon.....	Albion.....	6	3	...	1	...	1	...	56	17 75	
15	LAFAYETTE.....	William Sinclair.....	Jonesville.....	11	...	9	10	1	10	...	78	29 00	
16	JACKSON.....	B. Porter, Jr.....	Jackson.....	13	1	...	3	...	10	...	116	40 00	
17	TYRE.....	S. L. Dart.....	Coldwater.....	9	4	...	13	...	13	8	118	32 75	
18	ADRIAN.....	Wm. F. King.....	Marshall.....	9	5	...	3	1	9	7	78	24 75	
19	ST. ALBANS.....	H. A. Tillotson.....	Pontiac.....	5	2	...	...	...	1	3	83	23 50	
20	PONTIAC.....	F. Darrow.....	Kalamazoo.....	7	7	...	...	...	11	...	97	29 00	
21	KALAMAZOO.....	A. T. Metcalf.....	Flint.....	6	...	...	1	2	7	...	87	26 00	
22	FLINT.....	Ephraim S. Williams.....	Centreville.....	10	5	...	10	3	10	10	98	31 75	
23	MT. HARMON.....	Peter M. Gray.....	Paw Paw.....	3	...	...	2	...	7	...	46	15 25	
24	PAW PAW.....	J. H. Simmons.....	Hudson.....	14	...	...	3	...	14	...	56	25 40	
25	MAZSON.....	D. P. Stroud.....	Monroe.....	13	5	...	2	1	8	...	81	29 75	
26	MONROE.....	W. W. Prentice.....	Monroe.....	4	1	...	2	...	72	19 59	

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TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

No.	LODGES.	MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted.	Suspended.	No. of Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
67	ONTONAGON	William Condon	Ontonagon	5	3	5	1	5	.....	35	14 00	25 cents overpaid.
68	BUCHANAN	N. Hamilton	Buchanan	4	.....	.....	1	2	.....	41	17 00	.....
69	TECUMSEH	L. Lilley	Tecumseh	13	2	1	1	8	12	80	28 50	.....
70	MASON	C. H. Sackrider	Mason	3	1	5	2	4	.....	51	14 50	.....
71	MACKINAC	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No return for 2 yrs, charter forfeited
72	COLON	Andrew J. Kinne	Colon	5	3	1	4	8	2	34	11 73	.....
73	DUNDEE	Henry Walling	Dundee	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	35	10 50	.....
74	UTICA	Oliver Adams	Utica	.....	.....	.....	1	3	1	36	9 00	.....
75	LIVINGSTON	C. W. Haza	Pickney	.....	.....	.....	3	7	.....	55	13 00	.....
76	SAGINAW	W. J. Bartow	East Saginaw	6	.....	.....	3	1	7	31	14 25	.....
77	OTSEGO	Orsamus Eaton	Otsego	3	.....	.....	.....	5	1	40	13 25	.....
78	GERMANIA	M. C. T. Plessner	Saginaw City	2	2	.....	.....	3	.....	19	6 50	.....
79	BYRON	Robert Fox	Byron	2	4	.....	.....	.....	2	26	6 50	.....
80	OWOSSO	E. Leach, M. D.	Owosso	3	.....	.....	1	3	.....	42	12 61	.....
81	LAKE ST. CLAIR	H. G. Blanchard	New Baltimore	8	.....	2	.....	7	.....	37	16 15	.....
82	BELLEVEUE	M. S. Brackett	Bellevue	4	.....	5	.....	2	.....	28	11 75	.....
83	OXFORD	P. M. Parker	Oxford	3	2	.....	3	3	.....	35	9 50	.....
84	ANN ARBOR	John N. Gott	Ann Arbor	11	.....	4	.....	17	.....	84	29 75	.....
85	VALLEY CITY	Wm. F. Wheeler	Grand Rapids	12	2	4	.....	13	.....	87	31 81	Charter surrendered. No returns.
86	ANCHOR OF S. O.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
87	BUTLER	Ambrose Lampman	Butler	2	3	.....	2	1	4	42	11 75	.....
88	MYRTLE	Levi J. Ford	Belleville	6	.....	7	1	.....	8	38	13 42	.....
89	LOWELL	Thos. Daniels	Lowell	10	.....	2	.....	14	.....	52	21 26	.....
90	ASHLAR	Reuben Hulman	Detroit	5	1	1	.....	5	.....	46	14 00	.....
91	PARADE	W. A. Blake	Galsburg	2	.....	1	.....	1	4	34	10 81	.....
92	STAR	Chauncey Leonard	Jefferson	6	.....	5	2	8	6	47	17 50	.....
93	CHARITY	Joseph P. Whiting	Detroit	4	4	6	44	16 50
94	J. MOORS	F. N. Butler	Morenci

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No.	Lodges.	Masters.	Address.	Initiated.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Uled.	Admitted.	Suspended.	No. of Men.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
UJ.	STOCKBRIDGE	E. G. Cool	Stockbridge...	6	...	...	...	1	7	...	25	\$9 75	\$30 for charter.
"	LINDEN	J. B. Hyatt	Linden	8	1	...	...	...	8	...	19	10 67	\$30 for charter.
"	MENDON	S. N. Johnson	Mendon	4	...	...	...	...	12	...	15	6 75	Dispensation continued.
"	POKAGON	Edgar Walter	Pokagon	10	1	...	4	...	7	...	18	12 75	\$10 for balance charter.
"	HOLLY	John S. Huston	Holly	13	...	...	...	...	9	...	24	15 50	Also \$30 for charter.
"	NEWAYGO	Isaac Leonard	Newaygo	19	...	...	2	...	16	...	24	20 48	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MEMPHIS	L. G. Sperry	Memphis	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3 00	Dispensation continued.
"	SALINE	E. B. Clark	Saline	17	...	...	3	...	14	...	21	17 50	Also \$30 for charter.
"	QUINCY	Charles L. Wheeler	Hancock, L. S.	5	...	...	4	...	20	...	20	12 25	Also \$30 for charter.
Totals				747	159 52	267 73	812	171 6450	\$21 93 56				
7 Charters as above									190 00				
9 Blue Books at 25c									2 25				
2 Grand Lodge Certificates									1 00				
Less balance Grand Secretary's account												\$2 386 81	
Paid Grand Treasurer												33 95	
												\$2 352 86	

PAY ROLL—Session of 1862 at Detroit.

No.	LODGE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
1	ZION .....	.....	.....	3 00	\$ 3 00	H. A. Morrow.
2	DETROIT .....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	O. Bourke.
3	UNION OF S. O. ....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	T. Hurst.
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY ..	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	John Woodruff.
6	MT. CLEMENS	20	1 20	3 00	4 20	W. S. Robinson.
7	WASHINGTON	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	T. Hamilton.
8	TRENTON	20	1 20	3 00	4 20	A. McIlhinney.
9	EVERGREEN	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	A. J. Cummings.
10	DOWAGIO	172	10 68	3 00	13 68	P. D. Beckwith.
11	PINE GROVE	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	J. S. Crellin.
12	BATTLE CREEK	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	T. H. Tracey.
13	PHOENIX	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	D. Edwards.
14	MURAT	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	P. W. Sheldon.
16	LAFAYETTE	112	6 72	3 00	9 72	Wm. Sinclair.
17	JACKSON	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	Benjamin Porter, Jr.
18	TEE	130	7 80	3 00	10 80	S. L. Dart.
19	ADRIAN	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	W. F. King.
20	ST. ALBANS	107	6 42	3 00	9 42	H. A. Tillotson.
21	PONTIAC	26	1 56	3 00	4 50	Mark Walters.
22	KALAMAZOO	143	8 58	3 00	11 58	A. T. Metcalf.
23	FLINT	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	E. S. Williams.
24	MT. HERMON	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	P. M. Gray.
25	PAW PAW	164	9 84	3 00	12 84	O. C. Simons.
26	MAKON	80	4 80	3 00	7 80	D. R. Stroud.
27	MONROE	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	E. G. Morton.
29	HUMANITY	107	6 42	3 00	8 00	D. Nims.
30	CONCORD	96	5 76	3 00	8 76	A. J. Paddock.
31	PORTLAND	130	7 80	3 00	9 75	Chas. A. Peters.
33	LANSING	122	7 32	2 00	9 32	A. W. Nichols.
34	GRAND RIVER	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	L. Moore.
35	SILGAM	170	10 20	3 00	13 20	Thomas G. Green.
36	IONIA	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	Geo. W. Wilson.
37	LYONS	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	D. C. Spalding.
38	HOWELL	50	3 00	2 00	5 00	S. F. Hubbell.
39	WESTERN STAR	200	12 00	3 00	10 75	James Graham.
40	FRANKLIN	120	7 20	.....	8 50	Ira Carpenter.
41	ROMEO	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	Abijah Palmer.
44	BIRMINGHAM	19	1 14	3 00	4 14	B. Beardsley.
46	ORION	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	Otis C. Thompson.
47	PLYMOUTH ROCK	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	T. J. Dean.
48	AUSTIN	48	2 88	3 00	5 88	D. A. Wright.
49	MERIDIAN SUN	165	9 90	3 00	12 90	Nelson J. Packard.
50	MICHIGAN	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	H. C. Mead.
51	ALMONT	42	2 78	3 00	5 78	Daniel W. Richardson
52	HASTINGS	150	9 00	2 00	11 00	William S. Goodyear.
54	LAFEE	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	J. M. Wattlea.
55	BACKUS	182	11 28	3 00	14 28	Arthur Smith.
56	OCCIDENTAL	216	12 96	3 00	15 96	Warren Chapman.
57	THREE RIVERS	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	John Cowling.
58	PT. HUDON	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	W. T. Mitchell.
59	CLIMAX	132	7 92	3 00	10 92	H. Arnold.
60	CEDAR	35	2 10	3 00	5 00	N. B. Smith.
61	LEXINGTON	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	Arthur M. Clark.

PAY ROLL—Continued.

No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
62	S. WARD.....	50	\$3 00	3 00	\$ 6 00	B. S. Horton.
63	EATON RAPIDS.....	102	6 12	3 00	9 12	Thomas S. S. Havens.
64	MACOMB.....	30	1 80	1 00	2 80	O. C. Bennett.
65	WASHTENAW.....	47	2 80	3 00	5 80	George H. Lyon.
66	CAPITAL OF S. O.....	122	7 32	2 00	9 32	E. E. Beebe.
67	ONTONAGON.....	---	---	---	3 00	J. B. Wayne.
68	BUCHANAN.....	196	11 76	3 00	14 76	H. F. Strong.
69	TECUMSEH.....	85	5 10	2 00	7 00	L. Lilley.
70	MASON.....	101	6 06	3 00	9 06	Charles H. Sackrider.
73	COLON.....	150	9 42	---	11 73	A. J. Kinne.
74	DUNDEE.....	60	4 08	3 00	7 08	A. C. Lambert.
75	UTICA.....	27	1 62	3 00	4 62	Joseph C. Davis.
76	LIVINGSTON.....	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	C. W. Haze.
77	SAGINAW.....	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	W. J. Bartow.
78	OTSEGO.....	157	9 42	3 00	12 42	O. Eaton.
80	BYRON.....	65	3 90	3 00	6 50	R. Fox.
81	OWOSSO.....	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	E. Leach.
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR.....	34	2 04	3 00	5 04	H. G. Blanchard.
83	BELLEVUE.....	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	M. S. Brackett.
84	OXFORD.....	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	P. M. Parker.
85	ANN ARBOR.....	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	John N. Gott.
86	VALLEY CITY.....	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	Julius Leonard.
89	MYRTLE.....	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	M. R. Strong.
90	LOWELL.....	148	8 48	3 00	11 48	T. Daniels.
91	ASHLAR.....	---	---	3 00	3 00	R. Bullman.
92	PRAIRIE.....	131	7 86	3 00	10 86	W. A. Blake.
93	STAR.....	111	6 66	2 00	8 66	C. Leonard.
94	CHARITY.....	---	---	3 00	3 00	W. Walker.
95	J. MOORS.....	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	F. N. Butler.
96	GREENVILLE.....	167	10 02	3 00	7 25	M. Rider.
97	NILES.....	191	11 46	2 00	13 46	J. Loomis.
98	WATERFORD.....	33	1 96	3 00	4 96	F. W. Fifield.
99	DECATUR.....	167	10 02	3 00	13 00	H. Canoll.
100	OAKWOOD.....	42	2 52	2 00	4 00	Lucius Fitch.
102	BLANCHARD.....	57	3 42	3 00	6 42	James J. Russell.
103	GREENLY.....	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	George F. Payne.
104	WHITE PIGEON.....	161	9 66	3 00	12 66	J. J. Fox.
105	ST. JOHNS.....	100	6 00	3 00	9 00	J. W. Payne.
106	ST. PETERS.....	203	12 18	3 00	12 75	A. S. Cook.
107	EUREKA.....	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	Dr. C. T. Southworth.
109	FENTONVILLE.....	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	D. H. Baker.
110	HIRAM.....	31	1 86	3 00	4 86	John S. Gregory, Jr
111	ALLEGAN.....	168	10 08	3 00	13 08	A. S. Butler.
112	WAYNE.....	18	1 08	3 00	4 08	B. Hodgkinson.
113	HAMILTON.....	122	7 36	3 00	10 36	Isaac Hopper.
114	BLISSFIELD.....	82	4 92	2 00	6 92	
115	CORUNNA.....	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	H. McCurdy.
116	EXCELSIOR.....	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	O. R. Dibble.
117	READING.....	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	W. F. Turner.
118	SCHOOLCRAFT.....	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	J. W. Baker.
119	RISING SUN.....	180	10 80	3 00	12 75	E. O. Briggs.
120	CHARLOTTE.....	137	6 78	3 00	9 00	E. S. Lacey.
121	COMMERCE.....	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	Solon Cooley.

PAY ROLL—Concluded.

No.	LODGE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Mem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
122	OTTAWA	175	10 50	3 00	\$13 50	B. L. Piper.
123	ITHICA	120	7 20	.....	9 75	Wm. W. Comstock.
124	EAGLE	147	8 82	3 00	11 82	O. F. Cowles.
125	FAIRFIELD	78	4 68	3 00	7 68	Abner Tuttle.
126	FOREST	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	Oliver Dodge.
127	OVID	90	5 40	2 00	7 40	J. M. Fitch.
128	YPSILANTI	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	E. M. Cole.
129	BAY CITY	129	7 26	3 00	10 26	J. S. Judson.
[. D.]	STOCKBRIDGE	74	4 64	3 00	7 64	Mason Branch.
"	LINDEN	55	3 30	3 00	6 30	J. B. Hyatt.
"	MENDON	180	10 80	3 00	6 75	N. S. Johnson.
"	POKAGON	184	11 04	3 00	12 75	C. Benton.
"	HOLLY	55	3 30	3 00	6 30	J. E. Davis.
"	NEWAYGO	200	12 00	3 00	15 00	J. Leonard.
"	MEMPHIS .....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	J. P. Quick.
"	SALINE	40	2 41	3 00	5 40	Thos. N. Lee, Jr.
GRAND OFFICERS.						
	Deputy Grand Master	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	F. DARROW.
	Senior Grand Warden .....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	F. CARLISLE.
	Junior Grand Warden	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	P. H. TAYLOR.
	Grand Chaplain .....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	GEORGE TAYLOR.
	Grand Treasurer	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	R. W. LANDON.
	Grand Visitor and Lect'r. ....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	S. BLANCHARD.
	Senior Grand Deacon	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	M. AYRES.
	Junior Grand Deacon	80	4 80	3 00	7 80	R. B. PIPER.
	Grand Marshal .....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	J. P. WHITING.
	Grand Sword Bearer	19	1 44	3 00	4 44	A. PARTRIDGE.
	Grand Pursuivant	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	A. B. CUDWORTH.
	Grand Steward and Tyler	25 00	CHAS. D. HOWARD.
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FOR THE YEAR 1862.

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E. P. WORDEN, of Ionia, Grand Pursuivant.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, Grand Steward and Tiler.

THE next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of
and A. Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the
second Wednesday in January, 1863, at the City of Detroit.

 It is indispensable that Secretaries forward the returns
of their Lodges before the Session.

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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, and the resolution of the last session, at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (14th,) A. L. 5863.

PRESENT:

M. W. F. DARROW,	GRAND MASTER.
R. W. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
W. F. CARLISLE,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" MICHAEL AYERS,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" REV. D. B. TRACY,	as GRAND CHAPLAIN.
" WILLIAM BARCLAY,	GRAND ARCHITECT.
" JAMES FENTON,	GRAND SECRETARY.
" R. W. LANDON,	GRAND TREASURER.
" S. BLANCHARD,	Gr'd VISITOR AND LECTURER.
" GEO. W. WILSON,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
" T. H. TRACY,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
" JOHN S. JUDSON,	GRAND MARSHAL.
" R. B. PIPER,	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
" E. P. WORDEN,	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
CHARLES D. HOWARD,	GRAND STEWARD AND TILER.

At high twelve, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. D. B. TRACY, as Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers OLIVER BOURKE, D. A. WRIGHT, and JOHN N. GOTT, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit :

- No. 1—*Zion*, G. B. NOBLE, W. M.; H. R. JOHNSON, S. W.; E. G. ALLEN, J. W.
- No. 2—*Detroit*, OLIVER BOURKE, W. M.; W. C. COLBORN, S. W.; W. F. MOORE, J. W.; W. BARCLAY, last P. M.; LEVI COOK, P. G. M.; H. T. BACKUS, P. G. M.
- No. 3—*Union of S. Observance*, JOHN P. FISKE, W. M.; O. B. DIBBLE, Rep. S. W.; E. LAFAVOUR, J. W.; JAMES FENTON, last P. M.
- No. 4—*St. Joseph Valley*, THEODOR G. BEAVER, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 5—*Rochester*, J. V. LAMBERTSON, M. and Rep.
- No. 6—*Mt. Clemens*, H. CARTER, Rep. W. M.; T. TRAVIS, Rep. S. W.; W. LONGSTAFF, Rep. J. W.
- No. 7—*Washington*, ALVAH D. ELDRED, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 8—*Trenton*, A. McILHINNEY, W. M.; GEO. B. COVILLE, S. W.; L. H. FARNSWORTH, J. W.
- No. 9—*Evergreen*, M. H. MILES, W. M.; JOHN CLARK, Rep. S. W.; R. H. JENKS, Rep. J. W.
- No. 10—*Dowagiac*, W. H. CAMPBELL, W. M. and Rep. J. W.; A. W. ALVORD, S. W.
- No. 11—*Pine Grove*, E. W. HARRIS, W. M.; EDGAR WHITE, Rep. S. W.; A. STEWART, J. W.; J. S. CRELLIN, last P. M.
- No. 12—*Battle Creek*, DARWIN D. BUCK, W. M.; L. L. LIVINGSTON, S. W.; DAVID SHEPARD, Rep. J. W.
- No. 13—*Phoenix*, JOHN G. BROWN, W. M.; A. C. JENNER, S. W.; L. BOGARDUS, Rep. J. W.; B. EDWARDS, last P. M.
- No. 14—*Murat*, F. W. SHELDON, Rep. W. M. and S. W.; GEO. N. CADY, Rep. J. W.

- No. 16—*Lafayette*, WILLIAM SINCLAIR, W. M.; GEORGE KRAPP, S. W., and Rep. of J. W.
- No. 17—*Jackson*, B. PORTER, W. M.; B. F. EGGLESTON, Rep. S. W.; DANIEL KULER, J. W.
- No. 18—*Tyre*, S. L. DART, W. M.; A. L. LYTTLE, S. W.; D. BOVEE, J. W.
- No. 19—*Adrian*, W. F. KING, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 20—*St. Albans*, ROBERT H. POWELL, W. M.; HENRY A. TILLOTTSON, Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 21—*Pontiac*, A. B. CUDWORTH, Rep. of W. M. and J. W.; A. D. SPERRY, S. W.
- No. 22—*Kalamazoo*, A. T. METCALF, W. M.; G. W. LYON, S. W.; L. C. STARKEY, J. W.
- No. 23—*Flint*, WILLIAM CLARK, W. M.; ABNER RANDALL, S. W.; F. H. RANKIN, J. W.; E. S. WILLIAMS, last P. M.
- No. 24—*Mt. Hermon*, JOHN BELOTE, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 25—*Paw Paw*, O. C. SIMMONS, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 26—*Marion*, D. R. STROUD, W. M.; J. J. HOGABOAM, S. W.; F. D. BEACH, J. W.; D. R. STROUD, last P. M.
- No. 27—*Monroe*, J. R. GROSVENOR, W. M.; B. DANSON, S. W.; A. L. ALDRICH, J. W.
- No. 28—*Union*, ABRAHAM B. AIKEN, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 29—*Humanity*, VERNON PARK, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 30—*Concord*, A. J. PADDOCK, W. M.; W. W. KEELER, Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 31—*Portland*, WILLIAM H. WHITE, Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; A. KNOX, Rep. of J. W.; C. A. PETERS, last P. M.
- No. 32—*Fidelity*, RICHARD ROWE, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 33—*Lansing*, JOS. P. COWLES, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 34—*Grand River*, L. A. ROGERS, W. M.; J. W. CHAMPLIN, S. W.; A. MOHL, J. W.; L. MOORE, last P. M.
- No. 35—*Silvaco*, THOMAS G. GREEN, W. M., and Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 36—*Ionia*, W. B. WELLS, W. M.; GEORGE HILL, S. W.; P. H. TAYLOR, Rep. of J. W.

- No. 37—*Lyons*, H. R. WAGER, W. M. and Rep. J. W.; WALTER HALSTEAD, S. W.
- No. 38—*Howell*, SARDIS F. HUBBELL, W. M.; M. L. GAY, S. W.
- No. 39—*Western Star*, E. A. BROWN, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 40—*Franklin*, HOWARD A. PRATT, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 41—*Romeo*, SAMUEL W. BELLES, W. M.; ABIJAH PALMER, Rep. of J. W.; HORACE BOGART, Rep. of S. W.
- No. 44—*Birmingham*, A. PARTRIDGE, W. M.; B. BEARDSLEY, Rep. of S. W.; SMITH PEARSON, J. W.
- No. 46—*Orion*, JAMES VAN ALSTINE, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 47—*Plymouth Rock*, GEORGE W. BOOTH, W. M.; CHARLES VALENTINE, J. W.; ANSON WARING, Rep. S. W.
- No. 48—*Austin*, D. A. WRIGHT, W. M.; T. J. EWELL, S. W.; A. S. BABCOCK, J. W.; B. COGSHALL, P. G. V. and Lec., last P. M.
- No. 49—*Meridian Sun*, IRA F. PACKARD, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 50—*Michigan*, O. H. MCCONNELL, W. M.; C. WARRINER, S. W.; B. J. MILLER, J. W.; J. S. MITCHELL, last P. M.
- No. 51—*Almont*, DEWITT HALLECK, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 52—*Hastings*, O. P. DRAKE, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 54—*Lapeer*, R. G. HART, W. M.; J. M. WATTLES, Rep. S. W.; J. B. DUTTON, J. W.
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- No. 56—*Occidental*, WILLIAM EARL, W. M. and Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 57—*Three Rivers*, J. W. HALLOWELL, J. W. and Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; JOHN COWLING, last P. M.
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- No. 60—*Cedar*, N. B. SMITH, W. M.; W. V. VLIET, S. W.; ENOS CHURCH, last P. M.
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- No. 64 — *Macomb*, ALBERT LINCOLN, W. M. and Rep. J. W. ; H.
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- No. 67 — *Ontonagon*, J. B. WAYNE, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 68 — *Buchanan*, not represented.
- No. 69 — *Tecumseh*, LUCIUS LILLEY, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 70 — *Mason*, PETER LOWE, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 73 — *Colon*, A. J. KINNEY, Rep. S. and J. W. ; M. W. AL-
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- No. 74 — *Dundee*, ENOS KENT, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 75 — *Utica*, WILLIAM P. WELLS, J. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 76 — *Livingston*, C. W. HAZE, W. M. ; M. F. DARROW, Rep.
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- No. 82 — *Lake St. Clair*, R. KERN, W. M. ; F. BURGER, S. W. ;
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- No. 83 — *Bellevue*, not represented.
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- No. 86 — *Valley City*, FRANCIS LETELLIER, J. W. and Rep. of W.
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- No. 88 — *Buller*, AMBROSE LAMPMAN, W. M. and Rep. of S. and
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- No. 97 — *Niles*, D. D. ROBINSON, S. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
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- No. 99 — *Decatur*, O. T. WELCH, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 100 — *Oakwood*, SLOAN COOLEY, W. M. ; LUCIUS FITCH, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 101 — *Marquette*, not represented.
- No. 102 — *Blanchard*, JAMES J. RUSSELL, W. M. ; Rev. D. B. TRACY, Rep. S. W. ; FORDYCE HUNTER, J. W. ; WILLIAM CORBIN, last P. M.
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- No. 110 — *Hiram*, W. H. LAWRENCE, W. M. ; F. GARRETSON, Rep. S. W.
- No. 111 — *Allegan*, AUGUSTUS S. BUTLER, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 112 — *Wayne*, G. WALKER, S. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
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- No. 117 — *Reading*, A. B. STRONG, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 118 — *Schoolcraft*, JOHN W. BAKER, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 119 — *Rising Sun*, not represented.
- No. 120 — *Charlotte*, not represented.
- No. 121 — *Commerce*, THADDEUS A. SMITH, W. M. ; F. B. OWEN, S. W. ; OLIVER EVANS, J. W.
- No. 122 — *Ottawa*, JOHN G. COLGROVE, W. M. ; JAS. M. KELLY, Rep. S. W. ; D. B. LAWTON, Rep. J. W. ; B. L. PIPER, last P. M.
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- No. 124 — *Eagle*, O. L. COWLES, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
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- No. 128 — *Ypsilanti*, B. FOLLETT, W. M. ; J. E. MARVIN, Rep. S. W. ; EZEKIEL COLE, J. W. •
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- No. 132 — *Linden*, J. B. HYATT, Rep. of Lodge.
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- No. 135 — *Quincey*, STILMAN BLANCHARD, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 136 — *Pokagon*, C. BENTON, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in
AMPLE FORM. ●

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 4 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons, in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The use of the hall of Union Lodge No. 3, warmed and ready for occupation, for committees and other purposes, was tendered on behalf of said body by W. Bro. JOHN P. FISKE, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned for the courtesy.

W. Bro. S. BLANCHARD then entered and presented M. W. ROB. MORRIS to the M. W. Grand Master, who welcomed him in a short and pertinent speech, whereupon he was received with private grand honors, and invited to a seat upon the dais. In response to this, Bro. MORRIS acknowledged the courtesy shown him, and expressed the gratification it gave him to meet his brethren of Michigan once more. He remarked, in substance, that he had visited over two thousand Lodges, and it gave him great pleasure to bear testimony that the work done by the Lodges of this jurisdiction was well done; that Michigan Masons were proverbially well instructed.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

After the lapse of another year, we are permitted to meet in grand communication, to review the proceedings of the past year ; to exchange our congratulations for the peace, prosperity, and harmony which has attended the order in this jurisdiction, and may we, by recounting our prosperity hitherto, gather renewed courage, and fresh inducements to prosecute with efficiency the work before us.

We shall miss some old faces which we have formerly looked upon. For, since we last met, the saying of an Apostle has been verified among us. " All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass." These words may be regarded as peculiarly appropriate, in the announcement it becomes our painful duty to make, of the death of our friend and brother, Col. HORACE S. ROBERTS, a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. He fell in the noon-day of life, upon the battle field, away from his kindred and his home.

" Thus, star by star declines
Till all are passed away."

I would recommend that a special committee be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of this Grand Lodge, and to offer their deep and unaffected condolence to his bereaved widow, in view of the great loss she, in his death, has thus sustained.

Thus, my brethren, are we admonished that death is calling away our friends and fellow laborers ; the workmen die, but the work, never ; young men are springing up all around us, and when all the fathers have gone to dwell in that temple where there is no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, these young men shall be left to take their places and carry forward the work.

During the past year I have granted five dispensations for new Lodges, as follows :

One at Port Hope, to be called Port Hope Lodge.

One at Grand Haven, to be called Grand Haven Lodge.

One at Muskegon, to be called Muskegon Lodge.

One at Bronson, to be called Mystic Lodge.

One at Manchester, to be called Manchester Lodge.

I have also granted several dispensations to confer the degrees upon individuals who had enlisted, and were about to leave for the seat of war.

The following Lodges, which received charters at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, have been constituted, and their officers installed, viz.: Holly Lodge, Newago Lodge, Saline Lodge, and Linden Lodge.

Many questions in Masonic Jurisprudence have been decided by me during the year, some of them of great importance ; I may have erred in some of these decisions ; if so, they will probably be presented to you for your action.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, it was reported that Butler Lodge, No. 88 had, without permission of the Grand Lodge, or any urgent necessity therefor, removed its place of holding meetings some five miles. A committee, consisting of Rev. Bro. L. H. CORSON, was appointed to visit the place, investigate the matter, and report to the Grand Lodge at this session. His report is herewith submitted :

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1861, a committee was appointed to examine in how far the work in the three degrees, as practiced in this State, differs from that as taught by Bro. ROB. MORRIS, and report the result of their examination at the next meeting.

Soon after the appointment of this committee, Bro. JORDAN, the chairman, removed from the State, and the committee were not called together. At the last session, when the report should have been made, Bro. ENSWORTH, who had made a partial examination, was also absent, and no report has been made.

Since our last meeting, I have carefully examined and compared our lectures with those taught by Bro. ROB. MORRIS.

Without claiming any special merit for sagacity, I have to say, as the result of such examination, I have been conducted to the settled conclusion that those taught by Bro. MORRIS are altogether preferable to those we have adopted; indeed, I regard them as possessing merits altogether superior to any that has fallen under my notice. In many instances, the two systems perfectly agree, while in others, there is an irreconcilable difference.

There are in our lectures omissions and additions which greatly mar their beauty.

Their existence being a demonstrated and patent fact, what shall be done with these defects? Shall they be allowed to remain after they have been ascertained, and we have the ability to remove them? Shall we allow the imprimatur of the genuine coin to remain upon what has been proved to be a counterfeit?

No one who has a proper estimate of the Masonic ritual, will regard anything which perverts or obscures any portion of its symbolism, as a slight error, nor should any error be deemed slight which affects any portion of it. This notion that slight errors and defects, and faults are immaterial, and that we need not go to the trouble of removing or correcting them is one main cause why there are so many huge errors, and defects and defaults in every region of human life; it is important to be borne in mind, that the lectures must be judged of by their fidelity to the ritual, if they fail here, it is an essential failure; it is all irrelevant to tell us of their beauty or of any incidental characteristics. These are good and desirable qualities in themselves, but they are no substitute for the lack of fidelity to the ritual any more than the perfection of the coloring and drapery of a pretended likeness of a friend will atone for a failure to give his characteristic features and expression.

There has been much said in praise of our system of lectures, which is eminently just, and yet had no relevancy whatever, as an objection to removing errors which exist, no more than it would be in the illustration just given, to say to one dissatisfied with the picture of a friend, for the reason that some features were distorted or not given at all. Why look you at the wonderful execution of the artist's pencil, the masterly strokes, the delicate touches, the exquisite tints, worthy of Titian himself, the striking life-likeness of some of

the features; see the magnificent drapery, the tasteful grouping of related objects, the faultless perfection of the relief and perspective; surely you must be unreasonably captious not to be satisfied with a picture with all these splendid qualities. The rejoinder would be, all these are well, I would not have them altered, but they cannot make up for the positive defects in the likeness itself; they do nothing in restoring to me the lost features of my friend.

The best commentary on the ritual observances is to be found in the lectures, and they also furnish a large portion of that secret mode of recognition, or that universal language which has always been the boast of the institution.

There is evidently an increasing conviction in many of the Grand Lodges, that the time has come when there should be a uniform system of lectures adopted, so that a Mason could try, and be tried, prove and be proved everywhere. Numbers are inquiring "for the old paths, and the good old way."

The current of sentiment and feeling is manifestly setting in this direction, and it cannot be stayed. As well might you stay the progress of the world in other directions, as well arrest investigations in natural sciences, stay inventions and improvement in the arts, prohibit the laying of another iron rail, or the stretching of another telegraphic wire, or the addition of another mile to the steamer's speed; as well stop and hold the world where it now is.

In regard to the authenticity of the lectures taught by Bro. MORRIS, we have the evidence of one whose image is enshrined in many hearts, and is now, alas, all that is left us of that venerable form. I allude to the late Hon. PHILLIP C. TUCKER, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Vermont: He says: "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Minnesota appears to have some doubts as to these lectures, and suggests a broken link in the chain of their descent from GLEASON through FOWLE, and BARNEY to WILLSON;" I think that supposed breakage is wholly imaginary.

Bro. GLEASON was appointed Grand Lecturer of Massachusetts in 1805, and no other Grand Lecturer was appointed by that Grand Lodge until 1842. During all this time, brother FOWLE was a member, sometimes a subordinate officer, and occasionally Master of St. Andrews' Lodge, of Boston, one of the oldest and best informed

Lodges in the world. For most of this time also, Bro. GLEASON was at home in Massachusetts, and holding his office of grand lecturer for his State. Is it not a very violent presumption to assume that he did not know what lectures, and what kind of work were taught in one of the strongest Lodges of Boston.

I knew Bro. HENRY FOWLE from my boyhood. My Father was one of his intimate friends, and they were members and officers of the same Chapter. Bro. FOWLE was a man of far more mind and attainments than are usually found among men in his sphere of life. His was not a mind to forget anything, and he was entirely too tenacious a Mason to make changes without authority. But setting all inferences from such consideration aside, I remark for Bro. PIERSON's especial satisfaction, that I was present at St. Andrew's Lodge in 1823 or 1824, and saw the work done, Bro. FOWLE taking part in it that evening as a subordinate officer, and that the work was identically that which has been practiced in this jurisdiction from 1818 to this day, as exemplified in the lectures communicated to WILLSON by BARNEY. I add also, that I was subjected, upon another occasion, to a thorough examination, in an ante-room of the same Masonic Hall, upon a visit to St. Andrew's Chapter by a strong examining committee, which, finding that I answered readily, ran through the lectures entire, from entered apprentice to Royal Arch, and that the whole of them were identical with those in use in the Lodges and Chapters of Vermont. There can be no doubt, then, that the lectures communicated by FOWLE to BARNEY were the genuine lectures taught by WEBB and GLEASON, the same which GLEASON received from WEBB in 1801 or 1802, the same which he taught as Grand Lecturer of Massachusetts from 1805, the same which I found among the Boston Masons in 1823 or 1824, and the very same which are taught there now.

Was there any opportunity for them to have been falsified in their transmission from BARNEY to WILLSON? BARNEY received them in 1817, and made private notes of them; in October of that year he submitted them to the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and got its permission to teach them in this jurisdiction; he was well known here, was a man of integrity, and had every motive of interest and honor to preserve them in their purity. In 1818, and before he had

gone from this State to teach elsewhere at all, he imparted them to Bro. WILLSON, having his original notes before him, and aiding that brother in making a correct copy of them; and when they came into use practically, they were found to exactly agree with those used in the jurisdiction from which Bro. BARNEY received them. There seems no room for error or mistake here. The link in the chain of transmission is not broken at all. We have also the result of the investigation of others, who have given this subject their careful consideration.

In 1859 a committee was appointed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to which was added their Grand Master, THOS. H. BENTON, Jr., to procure the ancient work. In his address to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master says: "The first step taken by the committee was to satisfy themselves as to the most authentic sources of information. After much consultation by correspondence and personal interview with many of the most eminent Masons in the United States, they determined to secure the services of R. W. SAMUEL WILLSON, grand lecturer of the State of Vermont. Bro. WILLSON was accordingly employed, and visited this jurisdiction in May, of last year, and gave them the lectures, known as the WEBB WORK, as received by him, from Bro. JOSHUA BARNEY in 1818. The work was exemplified by the committee, assisted by Bro. WILLSON, and Most Worshipful ROBERT MORRIS, Past Grand Master of the State of Kentucky, before the Grand Lodge at its last grand communication, which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution:"

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, now as heretofore, declare its unaltered adherence to the ancient WEBB WORK, and having the fullest confidence in the work, as exemplified by the custodians and under their direction, by Bros. MORRIS and WILLSON, does hereby adopt the same as the work, and the only work, hereafter to be taught in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master further says: "I have made it a point to scrutinize this work, and as far as possible to trace its history and origin; for it must be remembered that our object has not been to obtain new work, but to procure the ancient work. From the most accurate information I have been able to obtain from consultation with old and experienced Masons, I am fully satisfied that it is genuine, and if we adhere to the policy which has thus far been

attended with so much success, it will become uniform throughout this jurisdiction. I have never had such enlarged views of the designs and principles of Masonry, as I have during the few months I have devoted to the study of this work ; there is a beauty, significance, and grandeur about the lectures when thoroughly understood, which cannot fail to impress the mind with the most sublime truths."

The Grand Master of New Hampshire, in his address to the Grand Lodge says : " It was my intention, if I could have been present at the meeting, to have introduced, so far as was practicable, the ancient work and lectures of THOMAS SMITH WEBB, with the hope that they would have been adopted by the Grand Lodge for sake of harmony and uniformity in the ritual."

The committee on work in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina recommends the adoption of the Prestonian system, as taught by THOMAS SMITH WEBB.

In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is the following able report from the committee on foreign correspondence on uniformity of work :

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

After an interval of some ten years silence upon this subject, the various reports, addresses and proceedings before us, show that the minds of the fraternity at large are still earnestly bent upon a *uniformity of work*; they will be satisfied with nothing else. No other subject, whether "Orphan's Homes," "Masonic Temples," "Diffusion of Literature," "World's Congresses," "Powers of Thirty-Thirds," "Schismatic Grand Lodges," or what not, has such attractions for the plain, common sense masses which compose the greater portion of our fraternity, as that of *National Uniformity of Work* based upon the old, and once universally acknowledged rituals of PRESTON and WEBB. In the opinion of your committee, this is, of all Masonic questions, the most important, and to it we have bent the best of our energies and devoted the largest portion of our time. In the examination of the documents before us we have carefully marked every passage upon, or allusion to, this subject, and they have been the more or less interesting, as they gave the more or less space to it.

The importance, *the essential importance*, of having but one system of work and lectures in all the Lodges of Indiana cannot be over estimated. The Grand Lodge of Indiana has, from the first, ever and uniformly admitted it. At its session at Jeffersonville, Sept. 13th, 1820, the Grand Lodge being then but four years established, it was

Resolved, That it is inconsistent with the principles of the order to grant charters to new Lodges, until the Grand Lodge is satisfied that she

can, with safety, devolve upon them "the important trust of teaching the science of Masonry in its pure and classical principles."

This was a noble testimony, in that early day, to the great truth your committee is now considering. Two years before, the constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge, (printed 1818,) directed "that all the plans, problems and positions worked by the Lodges of Indiana shall be extended agreeably to the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of Masonry." And since that day the Grand Lodge has ever insisted upon this, the fundamental principle of Masonry.

How then—your committee would inquire—how is it that there is such confusion in the Temple? How is it that no two of our Lodges have been working alike? How is it that our past officers, even our Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Lecturers, have been teaching rituals so diverse, so variant, in many essential parts, with each other, that the traveling brother, who, in the spirit of meekness and personal improvement, knocks at the doors of Lodges as a visitor, finds his examination either so novel as to confuse or annoy him, or so superficial as to disgust him?

We might extend this inquiry in the light of a huge pile of proceedings before us, and ask, why is the work of no two Grand Lodges alike? Why do their Grand Lecturers all feel it necessary to alter the rituals so much, that if Masonic rituals were subject to the patent laws, they could secure a copyright for each one? Why are we insulted every day by finding the names of men, never before heard of out of their own little spheres, appended to Masonic Rituals, and the appellations of "The Smith Work," "The Jones Work," or "The Brown Work," given to those sublime catechisms by which the living and the dead, and the yet unborn, are gradually linked together by one common tie?

The answers to these questions we leave to the Masonic historian; ours be the task of pointing out the remedy to these stupendous evils.

That remedy—there is but one—is found in discarding all local teachings, ignoring all personal feelings, and looking back for the old teachings as the platform of Masonic instruction. We know that every lecturer *claims* to have "the old work." We are well aware that the man who last altered what his hands should have palsied before touching, claims most stoutly of all his possession of the genuine system. But we are becoming exceedingly skeptical of such claims. When two men teach different rituals, only one *can* be right, and *both may be wrong*. Where five hundred systems are in vogue, as in this country, only *one* of them *can possibly* be right. We therefore turn a deaf ear to such claims, and look and examine for ourselves.

Having looked and examined for ourselves, having read all that is to be found upon this subject in the mass of proceedings before us, having witnessed the practical workings of Masonry under quite a number of lecturers, we feel free to express ourselves in behalf of what is now termed "the Webb-Preston Work," as adopted last year in Iowa and North Carolina, and long approved in most of the old Lodges of the first fourteen Grand Lodges of the United States. The Webb-Preston work, we deem to be the

only genuine continuation of the old work that is now in vogue. This we believe for various reasons, viz.:

1st. It has been openly, fairly and boldly exhibited in many of the States for several years past, under charge of the National Schools of Instruction, of which Bro. MORRIS, of Kentucky, is President. Your committee has attended several of them, and found that every portion of the work and lectures is systematically submitted to an analysis, philological and historical, which no other system could endure for an hour. Tried by this test, all the "Smith work," "Jones work," and "Brown work," melt into confused lumps, and exhibit the baseness of their alloy. It is only sufficient—such is your committee's honest belief—to exemplify the Webb-Preston work three hours, before any American Grand Lodge, to secure its eventual adoption. It is only sufficient to rehearse it in the hearing of any unprejudiced Mason, to secure his zealous advocacy.

2nd. It is and always has been literally the work of such men as Bros. SAMUEL WILLSON and PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Vermont, than whom there are no better ritualists living, and, with slight and unimportant variations, of the large class of elderly, venerable and experienced brother Masons, represented by EDWARD HERNDON, Ala.; E. G. STORER, Ct.; THOS. HAYWARD, Fla.; JOHN CHRISTIE, N. H.; CHAS. SCOTT, Miss.; JOHN DOVE, Va.; JAMES PENN, Tenn.; SALEM TOWN, N. Y.; JAMES SALSBURY, R. I.; — HUMPHRIES, Iowa; G. H. C. MELODY, Mo.; (lately deceased,) and a thousand others, and although perhaps but a few of them retain in their mind every word in its primitive purity, whatever portions of work and lectures they do, those portions correspond with, and are parts of, the Webb-Preston ritual.

3d. It agrees far more nearly with the systems in vogue in Scotland and Ireland than any other rituals extant.

4th. It does not correspond with any of the expositions so profusely distributed through the country.

5th. It is the only system now in use in two or more Grand Lodges of this country, while each Grand Lodge, except, perhaps, Pennsylvania, has officially indorsed one (or twenty) rituals of its own manufacture, no two of them consent to indorse the same one, except that known as the Webb-Preston rituals. *We may add that no two of them agree in any part or point, except such parts or points as correspond with the Webb-Preston rituals.*

These are all, in the opinion of your committee, weighty and logical arguments for the general adoption of the Webb-Preston work. We have personally tested each one of these arguments, and proved their soundness. No one of these five arguments applies to any other of the rituals in use in Indiana, or elsewhere, so far as our observations extend, and we deem them irrefutable. In these conclusions, we rejoice to be able to present those of our Past Grand Master, SOL. D. BAILESS, an enlightened and experienced Mason, who, being present at a session of the National Masonic School of Instruction, two years since, thus expressed himself, as chairman of a committee appointed to convey the sense of the members in relation to its objects and plans. He said, in praise of the President of the School, that

"We hereby signify our approval of his praiseworthy efforts in his labors to discard innovations in the body of Masonry, and bring our teachings back to the time-honored work of WEBB." These opinions were accepted by unanimous vote of the great audience, and in them all those who appreciate the man and his labors will heartily join.

From the foregoing testimony in regard to the genuineness and authenticity of this system, and to its claims of being a continuation of the old work, and upon a candid and careful examination, I feel called upon by the claim it possesses of being the ancient work, to express my unqualified approval of it.

The genuineness of this system must appear to every one who will correctly note the facts on which the evidence is based, and the evidence lies open to all.

The evidence comes from men of high reputation in the order, familiar with the ancient work and lectures; men qualified by education and converse with old Masons, to judge of its merits.

It has been subjected to the severest philological tests, and to the keenest criticism.

To the same effect is the testimony of many others of very considerable note, to whom I do not deem it necessary now to refer. And on this point it is further worthy of remark, that the constant attempts of grand lecturers to improve, and the almost universal concurrence as to the susceptibility of improvements, have contributed not a little to my full confirmation in the opinion that the adoption of this system is highly desirable.

Brethren, I am happy to be able to state, in conclusion, that the past year has been one of uninterrupted prosperity; there has been no confusion, no distraction; there is an unseen hand which shapes the lot of man, it encompasses all that is precious in his associated capacity, as well as in his individual personality. Taking everything into account, I know of no words which would present the past and present of our institution so forcibly as those of the Psalmist where he says: "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt, thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it, thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land; she sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branch unto the river."

F. DARBOW.

TO THE M. W. G. MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, having been appointed by you at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, a special committee to visit and report on the matters connected with Butler Lodge, No. 88, it having been complained of, for having, without authority, changed its place of meeting, begs leave to report that he has discharged the duty assigned him, and finds, that the aforesaid Lodge has removed the place of holding its meetings, as charged, from the North to the Southern borders of the township of Butler, a distance of about five miles. The facts are briefly these: This Lodge, when first chartered, held its meetings in a room over a country store; an inconvenient and unsafe place for holding a Lodge; the room is elevated not more than eight feet from the ground. Whenever the Lodge was held there, a crowd of "cowans and eaves-droppers," mostly consisting of boys, were wont to assemble about the premises, and they could hear every word uttered in the Lodge room in an ordinary tone of voice. Indeed, so evidently unsafe and improper is the place for holding a Lodge, that the Grand Lecturer, at his last visit to Butler, advised the members of the Lodge then to remove the place of holding their meetings, and declared he would not visit them again, unless they removed to a more suitable place. He notified them at the same time, that changing the place of holding their meetings, did not change the limits of their jurisdiction. Being ignorant of Masonic law, they did not know that any authority for changing the place of holding their meetings, beyond that of the Grand Lecturer, was required of them.

On looking about them, they could find no room so suitable for the work of a Masonic Lodge as the room they now occupy. It is on the second floor of a farm house, and though small and inconvenient, it is well guarded. And it has the advantage of having most of the working members of the Lodge near it.

On the whole, I am of the opinion that the members of Butler Lodge, No. 88, all things considered, excusable for the course they have taken in removing the place of holding their meetings. But I cannot but express my belief that it was a grave error to grant them a charter at first. I am satisfied that the interests of Masonry are not promoted by granting a charter to a few scattered members of our order in a rural district, where there is no prospect of having a suitable place for holding a Lodge.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

L. H. CORSON.

On motion of Bro. CUDWORTH, the address of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, to divide and refer it to appropriate committees.

Bro. A. B. CUDWORTH, J. E. MARVIN, and J. P. FISKE, were appointed such committee.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to wit :

On Grievances—Bros. S. F. HUBBELL, W. T. MITCHELL, and GEORGE HILL.

On Examinations—Bros. S. L. DART, A. PARTRIDGE, and L. LILLEY.

On Accounts—Bros. J. P. WHITING, M. R. STRONG and C. T. SOUTHWORTH.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros. GRAND SECRETARY, JOHN CLARK, and H. McCURDY.

On motion, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for 2½ o'clock P. M., to-morrow.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer was made by Bro. Rev. D. C. JACOKES.

The Grand Secretary then presented the final account of the estate of our late lamented brother, W. H. McOMBER, Grand Treasurer, which was referred to the standing committee on accounts.

The late W. H. McOMBER, Grand Treasurer,

In account with the GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN, Dr.

1861.

Jan'y 9.	To balance, as per account rendered to Grand Lodge	
	this day, - - - - -	\$211 87
Jan'y 11.	To your receipt to Grand Secretary, - - -	110 00
		<hr/> \$321 87
	CREDIT.	
Feb'y 14.	By warrant No. 124, - - - - -	100 00
	Balance, - - - - -	<hr/> \$221 87

The special committee on the division and reference of the address of the Grand Master, then made the following report, which was accepted :

REPORT.

The committee on the division of the address of the Grand Master respectfully beg leave to report as follows, to wit:

That so much of the address as refers to the death of Past Grand Master HORACE S. ROBERTS, be referred to a special committee of five.

And that so much as refers to the Webb-Preston work, be referred to a committee of five.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. B. CUDWORTH,
J. E. MARVIN,
JOHN P. FISKE.

Which report being under consideration, Rev. Bro. JACOKES moved to amend the last clause, relating to the "Webb-Preston" work, by making the committee to consist of seven instead of five, and adding to said clause the words, "and that such committee be nominated and elected by the Grand Lodge."

Pending the discussion on Bro. JACOKES' amendment, Bro. McCURDY offered the following resolution as a substitute:

Resolved, That the whole subject of changing the work be referred to the individual Lodges composing this Grand Lodge, and that they be requested to instruct this Grand Lodge, through their representatives, at its next session, whether or not a change is desirable, and that in the meantime, the whole subject be laid upon the table.

Pending the discussion of Bro. McCURDY's substitute, Bro. JOHN CLARK moved to lay the whole subject upon the table, which was amended by a motion to indefinitely postpone.

The last two motions being withdrawn, Bro. McCURDY called for the question on his substitute, whereupon a debate sprung up, after which it was moved that the question be taken on the substitute of Bro. McCURDY by sections, which motion being carried, the substitute was adopted, except the last section, "laying it in the meantime upon the table."

The report as amended was then adopted.

Bro. FOLLETT then offered the following as a substitute, which, after much debate, was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole subject of a change in the work of the order be referred to a committee of nine, to be appointed by this Grand Lodge, with instructions to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge, on the second day of the session.

Whereupon the following brethren were nominated and elected to serve on such committee, to wit: Bros. Rev. D. C. JACOBS, BEN. PORTER, Jr., LOVELL MOORE, B. FOLLETT, O. D. CONGER, H. McCURDY, S. BLANCHARD, J. E. MARVIN, and JAMES FENTON.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Bros. M. W. H. T. BACKUS, O. B. DIBBLE, J. FENTON, W. T. MITCHELL, and J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, a special committee on the death of Past Grand Master HORACE S. ROBERTS.

The W. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary then presented their annual accounts, as follows:

REPORT.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

The undersigned, your Grand Treasurer, begs leave to report:

1862.					
Jan. 8.	Amount on hand, as per last report,	-	-	-	\$92 45
March 5.	" received of Grand Secretary,	-	-	-	2,352 86
	Balance due Treasurer,	-	-	-	50 53
	Total,	-	-	-	<u>\$2,495 84</u>

The disbursements have been as follows:

1862.					
Jan. 8.	Amount of Pay Roll,	-	-	-	\$1,128 13
" 10.	Paid Warrant No. 148, F. Darrow, D. G. M.,	-	-	-	50 00
" "	" 149, Geo. Doty,	-	-	-	10 00
" "	" 150, Richmonds & Backus,	-	-	-	18 98
" "	" 151, S. Blanchard,	-	-	-	100 00
" "	" 152, Monroe Chapter,	-	-	-	50 00
" "	" 153, W. T. Mitchell,	-	-	-	150 00
" "	" 154, C. W. Moore,	-	-	-	6 00
" "	" 155, J. J. Randall,	-	-	-	6 60
Feb. 5.	" 156, Postage on proceedings,	-	-	-	45 00
" 6.	" 157, Walker, Taylor, & Barns,	-	-	-	234 13
" 25.	" 158, Richmonds & Backus,	-	-	-	12 00
March 17.	" 159, Rev. L. Corson,	-	-	-	10 00
" 28.	" 160, S. Blanchard,	-	-	-	100 00
June 24.	" 161, S. Blanchard,	-	-	-	100 00
" "	" 163, Grand Secretary,	-	-	-	175 00
Sep. 14.	" 164, S. Blanchard,	-	-	-	100 00
Oct. 26.	" 165, S. Blanchard,	-	-	-	100 00
1863.					
Jan. 12.	" 166, S. Blanchard,	-	-	-	100 00
	Total,	-	-	-	<u>\$2,495 84</u>

All of which is most respectfully submitted, with vouchers.

R. W. LANDON,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT.

THE GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF MICHIGAN.

In account with JAMES FENTON, Grand Secretary.

1862.							Dr.
Jan. 10.	To postage stamps,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 75
July 25.	" Express charges,	-	-	-	-	-	25
1863.							
Jan. 9.	" postage stamps,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" "	" " "	-	-	-	-	-	50
" "	" one year's salary,	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
" "	" balance in my hands,	-	-	-	-	-	8 25
	Total,	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$359 75</u>

1862.		CR.
Feb. 21.	Allegan Lodge, for special dispensation, - -	\$ 5 00
" "	Quincy " " " " - -	5 00
" 25.	Dispensation for Port Hope Lodge, - -	5 00
March 21.	Battle Creek Lodge, for special dispensation, - -	5 00
May 21.	Dispensation for Grand Haven Lodge, - -	20 00
June 17.	Eaton Rapids Lodge, for extra dues, - -	3 00
July 25.	Dispensation for Muskegon Lodge, - -	20 00
Aug. 16.	Otsego Lodge, for special dispensation, - -	10 00
" "	Union Lodge of S. O., " - -	5 00
" 18.	Battle Creek Lodge, " - -	10 00
" "	Warrant on account of salary, - -	175 00
Oct. 14.	Muskegon Lodge, for special dispensation, - -	5 00
" 17.	Dispensation for Mystic Lodge, - -	20 00
" "	Mystic Lodge, to apply on charter, - -	10 00
Nov. 14.	Michigan Lodge, for special dispensations, - -	10 00
" 25.	Dispensation for Manchester Lodge, - -	20 00
Dec. 12.	Jackson Lodge, for special dispensation, - -	5 00
1863.		
Jan. 1.	White Pigeon Lodge, for dispensation, - -	5 00
	One blue book, - - - -	25
	18 Grand Lodge certificates, - - - -	6 50
	Total, - - - -	\$359 75

The following communication from St. Alban's Lodge, No. 20, was received and referred to a special committee on Masonic Law. The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers O. D. CONGER, P. G. M., H. T. BACKUS, and A. B. CUDWORTH.

MARSHALL, Mich., January 12, 1863.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

At a recent regular communication of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 20, F. and A. M., B. M. WHITECLOUD, (an Indian or half breed,) petitioned said Lodge for membership. Claiming to hail from Arkansas, and once a member of a M. M.'s Lodge, among the Cherokee Indians in said State, and rep-

resenting that the Lodge of which he was a member, is now broken up, and has ceased to exist, its members having nearly all gone into the rebel service, but does not know what disposition has been made of their charter.

The petition was received and referred to a committee of three, who at the last regular meeting of our Lodge, recommended that the propriety of receiving and admitting said B. M. WHITECLOUD to membership be referred to the Grand Lodge.

G. S. BARRETT,

Secretary of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 20, F. and A. M.

P. S. The query with the committee and with the Lodge is: Can we admit to membership a brother who has not been demitted from the Lodge of which he was last a member, unless he can show that his Lodge has regularly surrendered its charter?

G. S. B.

Bro. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction be instructed to prepare a list of such of its members who have entered into the military service of their country, the respective capacity in which they have served, those who have been wounded, or killed in the service, etc. That the respective Lodges report such lists to the Grand Lodge, at its next annual communication, to be preserved among the archives of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 2½ o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY; JANUARY 15, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Bro. CUDWORTH, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, The furniture of Rochester Lodge, No. 5, has been recently destroyed by fire; therefore

Resolved, That the dues of said Lodge to this Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby remitted.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced that the hour had arrived for the special order, to wit: The annual election of Grand Officers. Bros. J. E. MARVIN, GEO. W. WILSON, and JOHN N. GOTT were appointed tellers; the election was held, and the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices set opposite their names, respectively, to wit:

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, of Centreville, -	-	-	<i>Grand Master.</i>
LOVELL MOORE, of Grand Rapids, -	-	-	<i>D. Grand Master.</i>
MICHAEL AYRES, of Fentonville, -	-	-	<i>S. Grand Warden.</i>
A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo, -	-	-	<i>J. Grand Warden.</i>
REV. D. B. TRACY, of Petersburg, -	-	-	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
WILLIAM BARCLAY, of Detroit, -	-	-	<i>Grand Architect.</i>
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit, -	-	-	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
R. W. LANDON, of Niles, -	-	-	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
S. BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh, -	-	-	<i>Grand Visitor and L.</i>
S. F. HUBBELL, of Howell, -	-	-	<i>S. Grand Deacon.</i>
P. H. TAYLOR, of Ionia, -	-	-	<i>J. Grand Deacon.</i>
J. P. WHITING, of Detroit, -	-	-	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
O. BOURKE, of Detroit, -	-	-	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
HENRY METZ, of Detroit, -	-	-	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
CHARLES D. HOWARD, of Detroit, -	-	-	<i>G. Steward and Tyler.</i>

On motion, the installation of Grand Officers elect was made the special order for 10 o'clock, to morrow morning.

On motion of Bro. J. S. JUDSON, it was

Resolved, That Bro. ROBERT MORRIS be invited to repeat the lectures of the three degrees, according to WEBB-PRESTON, and that our R. W. G. Lecturer also repeat the lectures, as now used by this Grand Lodge, at this evening's session, and that the committee of nine on work be also requested to be present, at a quarter past eight.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 7½ o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when the Standing Committee on Examination made the following report :

R E P O R T.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Standing Committee on Examination respectfully report that they have carefully examined the several applications for charters from Lodges now working under dispensation, and finding their work to have been substantially correct, and in accordance with the constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge, would recommend that charters be granted to them, as

follows: To Mendon Lodge, at Mendon, on condition that they return their dispensation to the Grand Secretary, to be called Mendon Lodge, No. 137, at Mendon, St. Joseph County; Port Hope Lodge, No. 138, at Port Hope, Huron County; Grand Haven Lodge, No. 139, at Grand Haven, Ottawa County; Muskegon Lodge, No. 140, at Muskegon, Muskegon County; Mystic Lodge, No. 141, at Bronson, Branch County. Your committee would further report, that the brethren working under a dispensation, at Memphis, ask for a continuation of their dispensation, and would recommend, that the extension be granted; also the petition of Manchester Lodge, asking for a continuation of their dispensation, which your committee would recommend be granted them; also the petition for a dispensation to open a Lodge at Lambertville, to be called Russell Lodge, the petitioners being recommended by Blanchard Lodge, No. 102, which is in due form, that the demits of the petitioners do not accompany the application. Your committee would therefore recommend that a dispensation be granted said petitioners, on condition that they file their demits with the Grand Secretary.

Your committee would further report that the by-laws of Tyre Lodge, No. 18, have been presented to them for examination, which they find to be in accordance with the ancient constitutions, and the constitutions and edicts of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. DART,
ALANSON PARTRIDGE,
LUCIUS SILLEY.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then made the following report:

R E P O R T .

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred sundry matters, respectfully report, that they have had under consideration the petition of Ontonagon and two other Lodges on the Upper Peninsula, asking that the time of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge be changed, so as to be held from two to four weeks later in the year, so as to give Lodges so situated, time to make their annual returns. Your committee, without recommendation, refer the petitions back to the Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

Buchanan Lodge, No. 68, having lost by fire all its furniture and property, ask this Grand Lodge for remission of dues for the year 1862. Your committee respectfully recommend that the relief prayed for be granted.

From a memorial presented by the W. M. of White Pigeon Lodge, No. 104, and a similar memorial from Bro. JACOB J. FOX, lately a member of that Lodge, it appears that Bro. FOX intending to remove from that jurisdiction, he then being Senior Warden of the Lodge, asked for and

obtained a demit. Instead of removing, as intended, he remained at White Pigeon, and claimed that notwithstanding his demit, he was still a member and Senior Warden of the Lodge, alleging that an officer of a Lodge cannot be demitted while in office. The Worshipful Master of that Lodge propounds two questions, as follows:

First. Is Bro. Fox still a member of White Pigeon Lodge?

Second. If not, will the Lodge admit him as an unaffiliated Mason?

Your committee have had the memorials and questions under consideration, and respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge answer said questions as follows:

Bro. Fox is not a member of White Pigeon Lodge.

He should be admitted to visit the Lodge the same as any other unaffiliated brother, and can only be restored to membership in the same manner as if demitted from any other Lodge.

The fact of his being an officer did not deprive him of the privilege of demission, nor in any manner change or do away with the effect of the demit. We respectfully refer the Lodge to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, adopted at the communication in 1859, p. 55.

By a copy of the records of Ottawa Lodge, No. 122, submitted to the Grand Lodge for instruction and advice, it appears that at a communication of that Lodge, held October 17, A. L. 5861, without giving any previous notice or citation to the offending brother, the Lodge adopted a resolution expelling Bro. JOHN W. DENTON from the Lodge, and all the benefits of Masonry.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Lodge advise and instruct Ottawa Lodge that the action in that case was hasty and irregular, and that the resolution of expulsion should be rescinded and held for naught.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. MITCHELL,
GEO. HILL,
S. F. HUBBELL.

On motion of Bro. DART, it was

Resolved, That all Lodges chartered at this communication be, and they are hereby permitted, to hold an election of officers at any meeting to be called for that purpose.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to WM. K. MUIR, Esq., General Superintendent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, and to A. L. WILLIAMS, Esq., President of the Amboy, Lansing, and Traverse Bay Railroad, for their courtesy and liberality in granting return passes to the members of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to these gentlemen a copy of this resolution.

On motion of Bro. GIDDINGS, it was

Resolved, That Muskegon Lodge, No. 140, to whom a charter has this day been granted, be authorized and empowered to hold a special communication, for the election of officers, on Tuesday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1863, upon giving due and timely notice thereof to each member of said Lodge.

On motion of Bro. W. T. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to M. W. F. DARROW, Grand Master, to pay the incidental expenses of his office the past year.

On motion of Bro. O. DODGE, it was

Resolved, That Bro. P. H. TAYLOR be requested to compose and read a poem at the next grand communication.

The special committee appointed to wait upon M. W. ROBERT MORRIS, and invite him to exemplify the "Webb-Preston" Work, reported him present and ready, whereupon the M. W. Grand Master requested the M. W. Brother to proceed, which he did by reciting the lectures in the several degrees, by sections, alternately with W. S. BLANCHARD, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, who recited the lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge, January 9, 1845, being the work approved and recommended by the national convention of Grand Lodges, held in the city of Baltimore, in the month of May, A. L. 5843.

The evening being far spent, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 9 o'clock A. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bro. JACOKES.

Bro. McCURDY offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, Lausing Lodge, No. 83, has paid to this Grand Lodge the sum of forty-five dollars, for a special dispensation, to initiate nine applicants, and whereas, said Lodge have recently had its regalia, furniture, and records destroyed by fire, and are now largely in debt; therefore

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby donated to said Lodge.

Bro. BOURKE offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on grievances :

Resolved, That the Lodges of the Upper Peninsula, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be authorized to hold their meetings for the election and installation of officers, during the month of November, in each year.

On motion of Bro. PORTER, it was

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in the city of Detroit.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer then made the following report, which was accepted :

R E P O R T .

TO THE WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, respectfully reports, that, having been blessed with good health and strength during the past year, I have been enabled, through the liberality of the several railroad companies of this State, and the kindness of the brethren, to travel extensively, and perform the duties of my office to the Lodges within this jurisdiction. The newly chartered Lodges, and those working under dispensations, have required and received my special attention. The former are progressing steadily in the right direction, and the latter are sustaining the judgment of the Worshipful Grand Master in granting them dispensations. All seem desirous of *light*, and are seeking it with diligence in the true landmarks of Masonry, as heretofore taught in the Lodges of our State.

Having visited the Lake Superior district during the past season, I found the craft in that region quietly and faithfully pursuing their Masonic duties. Where all are endeavoring to do well it may seem improper to particularize, but I deem it my duty to speak of Quincy Lodge, Houghton county, which is eminently distinguished for the skill, zeal, courtesy and Masonic intelligence of its members.

The necessities of the country have called from their posts of duty at home, many active and skillful officers of our Lodges, but their places are occupied by intelligent brothers, who, in numerous instances, have requested and received my aid. The necessity for instruction will inevitably continue so long as presiding officers, from the exigencies of war or other causes, are frequently changed.

It gives me pleasure to state that, throughout this entire jurisdiction, the Lodges generally, have cheerfully obeyed the edicts of the Grand Lodge, to work in accordance with their lectures, and where this is invariably done, an admirable degree of uniformity and order prevails.

Notwithstanding the almost general absorption of the public mind in our national affairs, there is much to encourage the fraternity in the steady increase of our numbers, and the Masonic improvement of the craft.

The year that has recently closed will be memorable in history for the immense efforts of our government and people to sustain the Union; it will be memorable as a year of wide-spread and deep anxiety, of gallant sacrifices, of hopes buoyant, at times of hopes deferred, and of hopes blasted; but, above all, it will be memorable for the vast armies our countrymen have marshaled on the battle fields in deadly strife, contending, on the one hand, with a zeal worthy of a better cause, for a divided nationality, and, on the other, for the grand united nationality, that never would have been threatened, had brotherly love, an essential principle of our order, and a veneration for the best government the world ever saw, controlled the hearts of our countrymen. Allegiance to the government under which we live, is a fundamental law of Masonry; but it has occurred again and again during this terrible war, that brother has contended against brother, in deadly strife, and gave no sign, until, wounded, and almost dying, the mysterious call for succor was made, and fraternally answered, with a devotion never limited to country, kindred or clime, but as universal as humanity itself.

Our Michigan brethren have been largely represented on the battle fields, and not one has proved recreant to his duty.

On those fields, amid the clash of arms, they are rarely known as Masons, but when the battle is ended, and the wounded friends or foes require help, and the dying consolation, it is then that the Masonic character is truly developed, in acts of kindness and mercy.

While we glory in the patriotism and gallant deeds of those brothers who have sustained the honor of our country in many a fearful contest, we are called upon to mourn the loss of some of our most gifted brothers; of ROBERTS, and ENSWORTH, of Detroit; DARRAH, of Monroe; CHURCH, of Grand Rapids, and others of less fame, perhaps, but equally worthy of remembrance.

Finally, brethren, the times would seem to indicate a lamentable degree of instability in mere human institutions. Is it not well, then, to ask of our Masonic watchmen, "What of the night?" How stands our institution in these troublous times? Our order meddles not with politics; it interferes not with government. Its aims are purely moral and benevolent, and while morality and benevolence are cherished it will survive—survive,

that those who are weary of human contention and strife, may leave their cares at the thresholds of our Masonic Temples, and enter their peaceful portals as brothers "Upon the LEVEL, and part upon the SQUARE."

STILMAN BLANCHARD.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

R E P O R T .

The Committee on Grievances have had under consideration the records of Eaton Rapids Lodge, No. 63, by which it appears, that after the election of the officers of that Lodge, at the time fixed for their installation, objection was made to the installation on the ground of irregularity and of ineligibility of the officers elect ; whereupon the Past Master, acting as Deputy Grand Master, refused to proceed with the installation.

The question presented is : Could the members of the Lodge make the objection at that time, and was the action of the Past Master right ?

Your committee recommend that this question be answered by this Grand Lodge in the affirmative.

They also report back Bro. BOURKE's resolution relative to Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, and recommend its adoption.

W. T. MITCHELL,
S. F. HUBBELL.

The Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

R E P O R T .

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred a resolution to authorize Holly Lodge, No. 134, to elect a Master and Wardens, have had the same under consideration, would respectfully report, that your committee are in possession of no such facts as to enable them correctly to determine the propriety of granting to the Lodge in question the dispensation asked ; this solely is a question of propriety and expedience, involving no doubtful question of Masonic law, but rests upon principles as well settled and as ancient as the foundation of Masonry itself. The only peculiar fact brought to the notice of your committee as to the vacancy in the offices referred to in said Lodge, is that the same occurred by the incumbents joining the armies of the republic.

In settling the present question the only matter to determine is, whether the cause of Masonry and its progress will be subserved by filling

these vacancies, without regard to the causes producing them. As to the existence of the power there is no doubt.

It is in fact, the mere power of dispensation that has been indifferently used either by the Masonic body itself, or by the Grand Master, subject to review by the sovereign body of Masonry. It is a wholesome and necessary power intended to meet and provide for those exigencies that are incident to every human institution, and yet preserve masonry and order, and secure the progress of the institution.

It is a power inherent in the institution of masonry, and may be exercised by the body of masons, but is, and has been oftener used by the Grand Master, subject to review by the body itself, and in the opinion of your committee, can be better used by the Grand Master, subject always to the review by the body. The facts upon which the expediency of its exercise rests, can be better ascertained by him, and in the first instance, the power exercised so as to provide the health and growth of his Lodges for whose benefit it is used.

Your committee would therefore report back the resolution and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, inasmuch as the subject is already provided for in the existing powers of the Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. BACKUS,
Chairman.

Bro. McCURDY offered the following resolutions, which after consideration were adopted :

Resolved, That it shall be, and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer to visit and instruct all the Lodges within this jurisdiction, which have been chartered within the past two years, and such Lodges, as are, or shall be under dispensation during the present year, and also all such other Lodges in this jurisdiction as may request his services.

Resolved, That there shall be paid to the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, for his services during the present year by the Grand Lodge, the sum of \$800, and that each Lodge he shall visit, shall, in addition thereto, pay him the sum of \$5.00 for each visit.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed, to furnish the Grand Visitor and Lecturer a list of the Lodges which have been chartered during the past two years, and of such Lodges as are now or may be acting under dispensation during the present year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to the corporation of Monroe Chapter, No. 1, of the city of Detroit; the same being for rent of Grand Secretary's office the past year, and use of hall for present session.

On motion of Bro. BOURKE, it was

Resolved, That our Bro. C. D. HOWARD, be allowed for services for attendance on this Grand body, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the special order, to wit: the installation of grand officers elect, whereupon the following brethren being presented by the Grand Marshal, were severally installed into the following stations and places, to wit:

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, *Grand Master*.
LOVELL MOORE, *Deputy Grand Master*.
MICHAEL AYRES, *Senior Grand Warden*.
A. T. METCALF, *Junior Grand Warden*.
REV. D. B. TRACY, *Grand Chaplain*.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, *Grand Architect*.
JAMES FENTON, *Grand Secretary*.
R. W. LANDON, *Grand Treasurer*.
S. BLANCHARD, *Grand Visitor and Lecturer*.
S. F. HUBBELL, *Senior Grand Deacon*.
P. H. TAYLOR, *Junior Grand Deacon*.
J. P. WHITING, *Grand Marshal*.
O. BOURKE, *Grand Sword Bearer*.
HENRY METZ, *Grand Pursuivant*.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, *Grand Steward and Tiler*.

M. W. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, in taking the chair, briefly addressed the Grand Lodge, thanking them for the unexpected honor they had conferred upon him.

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to the death of our late beloved Past Grand Master, HORACE S. ROBERTS, then made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address, which relates to the death of our late brother, Past Grand Master Colonel HORACE S. ROBERTS, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report, that in the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master, in his annual address, they most deeply sympathize, as to the afflic-

tive dispensation that has stricken another star from the horizon of masonry, and consigned to a soldier's grave our late brother, Past Grand Master Colonel HORACE S. ROBERTS.

In this event it eminently becomes us, as men and masons, to recognize the high hand of Heaven, that in the meridian of life and usefulness has taken from among us one so eminent for his masonic virtues and patriotic devotion to his country and its free institutions.

The deceased, in early life, identified himself with the institution of masonry. Devoting to it the energies of a quick and appreciative mind, he most rapidly assimilated the sublime mysteries of the craft that soon distinguished him among his brethren as one eminently worthy of their confidence and affection, and they soon elevated him to the high honors of the order, honors cheerfully accorded by his brethren, and honorably worn by him, gilding with new lustre his high intellectual, social and domestic virtues.

Honored and respected by his masonic brethren, to an extent almost unparalleled for one of his years, and bound by social and domestic ties to a home with its highest endearments, the deceased, at the call of his country in the hour of her need, abandoned all for the rough necessities and dangers of the tented field, and where, in the path of duty, he sacrificed his life to the call and commands of patriotism, and now occupies a soldier's grave. His last words were: "Tell my friends in Michigan that I died at the post of duty."

Brethren, was he not a man? Was he not a Mason?

We, as Masons, are left, and a large circle of friends, to mourn his loss, and cherish his memory, and imitate his virtues.

The highest masonic eulogium we can pronounce upon him is to point the confidence and honors the Masons of Michigan have reposed in, and conferred upon him. The highest tribute we can pay to his private virtues is to point to the deep sadness with which his death has smitten his intimate personal friends. In this afflictive dispensation of the workings of a mysterious Providence, we, as Masons, recognize the hand of Him who doeth his pleasure in the armies of heaven and among the children of men, but who doeth all things well. While we mingle our deepest sympathies with the widow and family of the deceased in this great bereavement, we humbly invoke on them the mercies and blessings of Him who tempers the winds to the shorn lamb, and who is the father of the fatherless, and the widow's God.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge entertain a profound sense of the loss which, in common with his family, and the armies of the Republic, they have sustained in the death of the late Past Grand Master, Colonel HORACE S. ROBERTS, so well known for his high masonic worth, private virtues and patriotic devotion to his country.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Grand Lodge be directed to transmit a copy of this report and resolutions, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to

the widow of the deceased, as a sense of the deep and sincere sympathy felt by this body in the affliction with which she has been visited by a wise and merciful Providence, in the death of the deceased.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. T. BACKUS,
O. B. DIBBLE,
JAMES FENTON,
WILLIAM T. MITCHELL,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence then made the following report :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that they have mailed printed copies of the proceedings of the last session of this Grand Lodge to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, as far as it was possible, and in return we have received copies of the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, to wit :

Canada, July, 1862.	Massachusetts, from March to December, 1861.
Connecticut, May, 1862.	Missouri, May, 1862.
Colorado Territory, December, 1861.	New Hampshire, June, 1862.
Indiana, May, 1862.	New York, June, 1862.
Iowa, June, 1861 and 1862.	Nebraska, June, 1862.
Kentucky, October, 1861.	Oregon, September, 1861.
do October, 1862.	Pennsylvania, for the year 1861.
Kansas, October, 1861.	Rhode Island, June, 1862.
do October, 1862.	Vermont, January, 1862.
Lousiana, February, 1861.	Wisconsin, June, 1862.
do February, 1862.	Washington Territory, September, 1861.
Maine, May, 1862.	
Maryland, May, 1862.	

Without adding to the length of their report by a long introduction, they merely state that they have been governed by the same views, as heretofore, which are to confine themselves as much as possible to a narrative of facts, giving as brief a digest or synopsis of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges as possible, with little or no comment; they therefore proceed at once to their report.

Connecticut.

THIS Grand Lodge held its annual communication in the City of New Haven, in May, 1862, M. W. HOWARD B. ENSIGN, Grand Master, presiding. In his opening address he alludes to their last annual meeting, when the political horizon was darkening with ominous clouds, that have since broken loose and produced a furious storm, whose fury is yet far from being spent. The political effervescence has carried everything in its vortex, and their fraternal intercourse with the Southren Grand Lodges has been interrupted; still he has been informed by individual brethren, that the Masonic ties have been held sacred, and that Masons, prisoners in either section, have seen their sorrows alleviated, and their prison cheered by visits from brethren of the mystic tie. The hand of mercy, even, has been extended on the field of battle, and lives saved, when otherwise a mortal issue would have been the result.

He granted a dispensation to twelve brethren in the 4th Regiment of Connecticut volunteers about to depart for the seat of war. He did not receive any report of their proceedings, and he fears that they have not prospered, as the W. M. and J. W. returned home shortly after, and remained there.

The following question was submitted to the Grand Lodge: "Can a person who has been expelled by a subordinate Lodge, petition the Grand Lodge in his own name for restoration?" After a lengthy debate and argument by counsel, it was decided in the affirmative; subsequently, however, the vote was reconsidered, and the question was indefinitely postponed, whereupon it was resolved that the petition of the expelled brother, on whose case the question arose, be entertained and heard.

They prohibited the admission of a "feed attorney" hereafter, on the floor of the Grand Lodge, or before a committee, for the purpose of advocating the claim or petition of any individual.

The committee on foreign correspondence, of which the venerable E. G. STORER was chairman, quote approvingly from the last report of your committee.

At the annual election M. W. ALVAN P. HYDE was elected Grand Master, and R. W. ELIPHALET G. STORER having held the office of Grand Secretary for *twenty-seven* years past, declined further election, and R. W. LUCIUS E. HUNT was elected to that office.

Canada.

THE annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at St. Catharines, in July, 1862. A large representation was present. Grand Master HARRINGTON, in his opening address, suggests that the Grand Lodge do honor to itself by offering a respectful message of condolence to their widowed Queen, the "Daughter and niece of Masons!" He reports our order in Canada is pursuing its course of quiet, unobtrusive usefulness, and progression; its members continue to increase, although only three Lodges have been added to their roll during the past year. The number of Lodges

now in the roll is 155. He reprehends members who have so far forgotten themselves as to declare beforehand that, because the proceedings of their Lodge have sometimes run counter to their individual wishes, they will blackball any or all candidates presenting themselves; he declares it to be the Master's bounden duty to deprive that member, for a time, of his privileges, and report him to higher authority. He regrets to state that the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland still insist upon the good standing of those Lodges hailing under them, which have been declared by the Grand Lodge of Canada, (after much earnest consideration,) to be irregular.

In conclusion, he bespeaks their serious attention as loyal subjects and Free Masons, of no insignificant numbers, to the unhappy and unnatural war still devastating the neighboring country. He bids them all remember how nearly their country was recently involved in the convulsion, and asks who can foresee what is to happen! He reminds them of their *duty* as fellow-men and their *privilege* as brethren, to pray and hope for peace, and a return to its normal condition of that powerful Republic, between whom and them there is only an imaginary geographical line of separation. But whatever the womb of futurity may bring fresh (if peace so much the greater reason for gratitude to the G. A. O. T. U.) he bids them remember (quoting the language of the representative of their Sovereign to the Parliament of the Province,) that the defense of their institutions, their homes and their altars against foreign attack, is a duty incumbent on the inhabitants of the Province. While earnestly desiring for the sake of suffering humanity that the storm will be stilled by that Power who alone can say with authority, "Peace! be still!" he asks them to read the fourth chapter of Jeremiah in our *first Great Light*, and to ponder at the same time as Free Masons on the symbolic significance of the "*Sword and Troiseel*," at the same time he bids them never forget that the *tie* of Free Masonry, the *mystic tie* has acted as a curb on human passions, has alleviated the miseries of warfare, and that, as well in turmoil as in tranquility, they are all bound to acknowledge a brother's claim, no matter what his country, when preferred in difficulty, danger or "distress."

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

Colorado.

FROM this Grand Lodge, we have the proceedings of their first annual communication, which was held in the city of Denver, in December, 1861. Three lodges were represented. Grand Master CHIVINGTON reports having granted two dispensations for new lodges, one of which was to Bro. ALLYN WESTON, and others, for a lodge at Central City. The Grand Lodge was incorporated by the Territorial Legislature, and the Grand Master says they have a bright prospect in the future, and if they are temperate, discreet, vigilant, it will be glorious in reality. Mr. W. J. M. CHIVINGTON was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. O. A. WHITTEMORE was elected Grand Secretary. The next day, R. W. ALLYN WESTON was appointed Grand Lecturer.

Since writing the above we are in receipt of the official notification of their having held their second annual communication, in Central City, in November, 1862, at which M. W. ALLYN WESTON was elected Grand Master, and R. W. O. A. WHITTEMORE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Iowa.

THE proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1861 and 1862, came to us in one pamphlet.

From the address of M. W. THOS. H. BENTON, Jr., we are happy to learn that, as a general thing, the order has been more prosperous during the past year than they had reason, under the circumstances, to anticipate. Many of their lodges have been seriously incommoded in consequence of the absence of members; some of them have been unable to hold their regular communications for the want of a constitutional number, some have been left without officers; accessions by initiation have been limited, but in some localities there has been more work than usual.

At the session of 1861, two reports from the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence were presented on the subject of Military Lodges; the majority took the ground that it was legal, but inexpedient; the minority asserted not only the legality, but expediency of granting them. Neither of these reports seem to have been adopted, neither do any Military Lodges appear to have been chartered or been formed under dispensation.

In the jurisdiction during the past year there have been 320 initiations; total membership, 4580.

M. W. THOS. H. BENTON, Jr., Grand Master, and R. W. T. S. PARRIN, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

Indiana.

THE annual communication was held at Indianapolis, in May, 1862. Their Grand Master not being present, R. W. JOHN B. FLAVEL, D. G. M., delivered the address. He informs the brethren that, during the past year, his thoughts have been directed to the subject of rituals, and he expresses himself strongly and at length in favor of the "Webb-Preston Work." He acknowledges the assistance rendered by ROBERT MORRIS in imparting knowledge and instruction in the jurisdiction. He reprehends the practice, quite common in all the Lodges of the State, to set aside the by-laws of the Lodge, by declaring such and such things cases of emergency—for instance, applications for membership, or in conferring degrees. He issued, during the year, twenty-seven dispensations to organize new Lodges, twenty of them for Military Lodges attached to various Indiana regiments.

They declared, that those engaged in the rebellion are truly censurable for violating their vows and striving to destroy the best government under which Masons were ever permitted to assemble; and that, until they return to their allegiance, and are legally healed by the laws of the government they have so wrongfully abused, we will cease to regard them as true and worthy Masons.

There is no report on foreign correspondence. JOHN B. FLAVEL was elected Grand Master, and FRANCIS KING was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Kentucky.

THE latest proceedings we have from this Grand Lodge are those of the session of October, 1861. Grand Master LANDRAM says a petition had been presented to him (not in a formal manner, however,) for a dispensation to form a Military Lodge in Gen. Rousseau's brigade, but the session of the Grand Lodge being at hand, he submitted the matter to their consideration. The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported, that no petition of the kind required by their constitution had yet been presented, remarking that the Grand Lodge, during the American war, discountenanced the formation of such Lodges, and as long as the forces, among whom the Lodges are to be organized, remain in neighborhoods where Lodges are convenient, as is the case nearly all over Kentucky, there can be no pressing necessity for such organizations. They therefore cannot recommend this species of extraordinary legislation to the favorable attention of the Grand Lodge; the report was adopted.

Past Grand Master WINGATE was the mover of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, enjoining it upon all Masons within their jurisdiction, to be, in accordance with the ancient charges, quiet and peaceable citizens, true to their government, and just to their country, not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently to submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which they live.

The committee appointed to take charge of the Grand Lodge building in Lexington, reported that they had cordially thrown open the doors of the Grand Hall, as a hospital for the use of sick soldiers, which action met the approbation of the Grand Lodge. M. W. Brother HIRAM BASSET was elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. M. R. McCORKLE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Since writing the above, the proceedings of the annual communication held in October last, have come to hand. The Grand Secretary being absent, the roll was called by the Assistant Grand Secretary, by which it appeared a constitutional number was not present, whereupon an adjournment was had until the next morning, when it appeared that eighty-four Lodges were in attendance, the total number being three hundred and sixteen, that many of them were laboring under disabilities, viz.: fifteen not having been represented or paid dues for three years, and one hundred and twenty-three had in like manner failed to pay or be represented for two years, these latter having been duly cited to appear and show cause why their charters should not be arrested, were suspended from labor, the former for ten days, the latter during the session; there being then present a constitutional number of Lodges not under disability, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

Grand Master BASSET then delivered his annual address, setting forth his official acts, paying proper tribute of respect to the illustrious dead,

recommending economy in expenditures, and leniency to Lodges, and closing with his views of Masonry and the civil government, his argument going to prove that it is not the province of Masonry to protect or punish her votaries who may be offenders against the State, but that she leaves them where they belong, to the civil authorities.

Past Grand Masters WILSON, SWIGERT, and Grand Treasurer HODGES, were appointed a committee (to report at the next session,) to investigate the supposed order of "Conservators" and their purposes, in consequence, as the preamble sets forth, of the deep concern and regret with which they have seen in the public prints directed to Masonry, notices of the existence of a secret order, styled "Conservators," which is represented to be subversive of the principles and organization of our order, implicating some of their brethren and high officials, feeling sure that these publications do great injustice to their members named, and to their order in Kentucky, but investigation they say should be had.

A long and intensely loyal preamble was offered, and a resolution accompanying it, setting forth that they disowned all such false brethren, and leave them in the hands of the civil authority, disclaiming any further jurisdiction; this was referred to a committee whose report was adopted, breathing sentiments equally loyal, taking the ground that Masonry regulates the conduct of Masons towards each other, but it does not attempt to control or direct Masons in their legal obligations to man or government. They likewise came to the conclusion that beyond the stern disapprobation of the fraternity, they must be left with the civil tribunals.

The Grand Treasurer was directed to take proper steps to collect or secure the debt owing to the Grand Lodge by P. G. M. MORRIS.

A resolution forbidding her subordinate Lodges to give the privilege of their Lodge rooms to any lecturer unless regularly authorized by the Grand Lodge, was laid over until next year.

M. W. JOHN B. HUSTON was elected Grand Master, and R. W. PHILLIP SWIGERT, Grand Secretary.

Kansas.

THE sixth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in October, 1861. Twelve Lodges were represented. The Assistant Grand Secretary read a communication from G. M. FAIRCHILD, briefly setting forth his official acts, and apologizing for his inability to fully carry out the recommendation of the previous session in reference to securing uniformity of work, owing to being so much engaged in the discharge of positions of trust at home, and the time he had felt called upon to lend for the defense of the country.

The committee on foreign correspondence notice our proceedings for 1861, and in reference to the appeal for assistance from their Palmyra Lodge 23, to our Lapeer Lodge, No. 54, they quote our advice to said Lapeer Lodge "to receive such appeals with caution as well as liberality," and remark, they are not disposed to question the right of Palmyra Lodge to ask for assistance, but are of opinion that it would have been highly proper for

them first to have made their appeal to their own Grand Lodge. They hope, that as the operations of Palmyra Lodge seem to have been somewhat extensive, the Grand Lodge will not pass it by without notice.

R. W. JACOB SAQUI was elected Grand Master, and R. W. E. J. CARR assistant, was elected Grand Secretary.

Since writing the above, we are in receipt of their proceedings for the year 1862, which coming to hand at so late a date, we have only time to notice that the present distracted state of affairs affects the fraternity in Kansas so that many of their Lodges have been unable to pay their Grand Lodge dues. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

Louisiana.

FROM this Grand Lodge we have received a copy of the proceedings of their meeting in February, 1861. At that time M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS announced to his brethren the continued prosperity of Masonry generally, and in Louisiana particularly.

In 1858, a majority of their Polar Star Lodge, No. 1, formed themselves into a private corporation as "Polar Star Lodge, No. 1, charitable association," and afterwards passed a resolution against the protest of the minority to donate all the property of Polar Star Lodge, No. 1 to themselves, as composing that charitable association, completing their designs by a notarial act of donation, and took possession of the property, estimated at \$20,000. The minority maintaining their existence as Polar Star Lodge, No. 1, brought suit in the District Court to recover the property, the suit being lost in that court, an appeal was taken, and the judgment reversed, the Supreme Court deciding that the resolution and the act of donation were null and void. Two other similar cases were decided in like manner. The principles decided in these cases are thus stated: that though any of the members of the Lodge may withdraw at pleasure, yet, even though a majority should do so, or should even vote to dissolve the Lodge, the vote would be of no avail, nor would the Lodge be dissolved if a sufficient number should remain to carry on its functions. That a vote of the Lodge cannot dissolve it, and that the only way a Lodge, being a chartered institution, could be dissolved, would be by the action of the founder, the Grand Lodge, the State, or courts of justice declaring the charter forfeited: that all the rights and franchises of the Lodge continued with the remaining members, who would in fact constitute the corporation: that the very attempt at dissolving the Lodge, declaring its charter canceled, and forming themselves into another corporation, was as effectual withdrawal as could be, and required no further action on the part of the Lodge in themselves to bring about a complete severance of their connection with the Lodge.

The committee on foreign correspondence quote from G. M. GREENLY'S address, the part relating to the new political state of the country, and also from the report of our special committee on the same subject, without a word of comment.

We also received the proceeding of their meeting in February, 1862.

Grand Master FELLOWS, in his opening address, with a feeling of sadness at the absence of many faces which he had had the pleasure of greeting there for the past ten years, many, he says, who have heretofore come up to the annual assembly, "have, at the call of their country, left friends and home to serve its behests on the tented field, and in the deadly strife of battle," and he prays that their success may be in proportion to the justness of their cause, to which petition your committee respond—Amen!

He informs the Grand Lodge of the death of Grand Secretary SAMUEL G. RISK, on the 24th of December, 1861.

He states that this Lodge has remitted the dues of its members for the entire period which they may be engaged in the military service of the Confederacy.

He granted but one dispensation during the year, and that was for a Lodge to be attached to the 7th Regiment of Louisiana volunteers.

He complains of the Grand Lodge of Virginia having granted a dispensation to certain of their own brethren in the 5th Regiment of Louisiana volunteers, regarding it as an invasion of their jurisdiction.

Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, according to custom, presents its report. They say, among other things, that immediately on the secession of Louisiana from the old Union, many brethren from the Northern States, and out of employment, were granted relief to enable them to return to "what they deemed a more congenial clime. After hostilities commenced, they adopted a rule to grant no assistance to able bodied men, who had no families depending on them, believing that when their independence was at stake, it was the duty of all to defend it, and that no good Mason would hesitate to enter the army when no other means of support could be obtained."

The committee on foreign correspondence presented a very brief report of the proceedings of nine Grand Lodges, five Southern and four Northern; of our own they merely quote a passage from the speech of M. W. ROB. MORRIS, remarking that the fearful state of things he so much feared, had become a fearful reality.

M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS was elected Grand Trustee, and SAMUEL L. TODD, P. G. M. was elected Grand Secretary.

Maine.

THE annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in May, 1862, with a representation from eighty-nine Lodges. Grand Master DRUMMOND says, in his opening address:

"While they have not, during the last year, received so large accessions to their numbers as in some former years, their growth has been steady and healthy. As a general thing, the Lodges have become more perfect in the work, more careful to conform to the constitutions and landmarks, more circumspect in the admission of candidates, more rigid in their discipline of delinquents, and no less zealous and active in works of charity and benevo-

lence. In his view, this indicates a greater degree of prosperity than could possibly be reached by a mere increase of initiates and new Lodges."

He informs the Grand Lodge that the question of the invasion of their jurisdiction by Union Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England is finally settled by the dissolution of Union Lodge; it has surrendered its charter and has ceased to be.

He complains of a lady, pretending to be deaf and dumb, imposing upon the craft (assumedly under the patronage of the fraternity to complete her course at Hartford Asylum,) by soliciting subscriptions for various magazines, at cheap rates, *with payment in advance*. She was successful, but the subscribers never received their magazines.

He made a number of decisions, two of which we copy:

1. If the by-laws of a Lodge provide for the suspension of the members who willfully neglect or refuse to pay their dues, the proper method is to file charges against each person neglecting, and proceed to try them under that by-law. If the by-laws require the payment of dues, but provide no penalty for willful neglect or refusal to pay them, a member who refuses or willfully neglects to pay his dues, after being required so to do by the Lodge, should be tried for violating the by-laws, or for willfully disobeying the summons of the Lodge, and, if found guilty, may be suspended from membership. If found guilty of willfully disobeying a summons of his Lodge, he sees no reason why he may not be suspended, or expelled from the order.

2. A petitioner residing in a town in which there is more than one Lodge, can apply to a Lodge in another town, with the permission of *one* of the Lodges in his own town, according to the settled practice. If it were a new question, it would be worthy of consideration; whether he should not obtain the consent of all the Lodges.

The Masons connected with the Thirteenth Maine Regiment petitioned him for a dispensation for a Military Lodge to be connected with that regiment. But he had so grave doubts concerning the propriety of granting such a dispensation, that he declined to do so. It would be impossible, he thought, for such a Lodge to obtain the necessary knowledge of the character of candidates; they would not be located in one place for any length of time; and so many objections at once occurred to his mind, that he concluded the Grand Lodge would not desire to have such a dispensation granted.

He declined to attend a "convention of past and present Grand Masters of all Grand Lodges in all the States" to devise some fair and just plan by which the discordant and belligerent interests, which are now in such fearful array, may be assuaged into peace and adjustment, for several reasons: 1. The Grand Lodge had committed to him no such trust. 2. It would have been an attempt to make the fraternity a political party, and 3. Decisively, (not to mention others,) the government had the whole matter in its own hands.

A pleasing incident occurred in the presentation to the Grand Lodge of a Gavel, made from the wood of a pine tree planted by HENRY PRICE, in

Townsend, Mass., about the year 1775. Henry Price, the first Provincial Grand Master, was born in London, England, in 1697, and died in Townsend, May 20, 1780.

The following question was asked, and the following answer given:

"If a candidate is rejected on either of the three degrees, how long before his case can be again acted upon by the Lodge?"

Answer. It may be acted upon at any time, in the same manner as a new application, if there is nothing in the by-laws of the Lodge to forbid.

M. W. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND and R. W. IRA BERRY were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively.

Massachusetts.

At the quarterly communication of this Grand Lodge, in March, 1861, a brother appealed from the action of his Lodge in his case; from the report of the committee we have the following statement of the case: A great and unusual number of rejections had occurred in the Lodge in question; it attracted attention, and a committee was appointed to investigate the cause, who reported, "that the bearing, deportment and general conduct of Brother GRANT, during the past two years, had been such as to render his continued membership, in their opinion, incompatible with the legitimate masonic purposes, the interest and harmony of the Lodge, and that, therefore, said membership be and is hereby terminated. This report was considered at a meeting specially called for the purpose; the petitioner was notified and was present. He was expelled by a vote of thirty-five to four. The vote was by ballot. *Held*, that the method of making investigations by committees is in accordance with masonic usage, and is probably the least objectionable one that could be pursued; the objection that no charges were presented, no trial had, and no opportunity for defense given, was overruled, it being held that the committee recommended to the Lodge the passage of the resolution as the result of their deliberations, it was not proposed to try the brother, or to adopt any course by way of punishment, but to separate him from the Lodge as a measure of self-protection, the Grand Lodge being unable to agree with the petitioner in his declaration, that the proceedings of King Solomon's Lodge are unmasonic, illegal and void, and declined to take further action in the premises.

We are pleased to learn from M. W. G. M. COOLIDGE's address, at the annual communication, held December 27, 1861, that notwithstanding the preoccupation of their minds, and the intense anxiety of their hearts, the work of the Lodges has gone on to an unprecedented extent, and that there was but little falling off during the year in the number of initiates. Number of Lodges is 121; initiated in 1858, 1323; in 1859, 1188; in 1860, 1107. Eight dispensations for new Lodges were granted, six of them for Army Lodges.

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE was elected Grand Master, and R. W. CHARLES W. MOORE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

From this Grand Lodge we have received the proceedings of their semi-annual communication in May, 1862.

The "Grand Inspectors" for Baltimore city regret that there ought to be much improvement in attendance of members; with very few exceptions there not being, at the hour at which the Lodge is called, a sufficient number of its members to convene the same; in some instances no officers being present to call the Lodge together.

The M. W. Grand Master regrets that he cannot congratulate his brethren upon the growth and prosperity of the order in his jurisdiction since their last annual communication. Through the neglect of the members to pay their regular dues, the funds of the Lodges have become exhausted and the usual prompt response to cases of charity which have heretofore characterized the Lodges in that jurisdiction, have in a great measure failed. He considers these evils to be the effect of our civil troubles. He reports having received a letter from Brother J. H. CHASE, Lieutenant and R. Quartermaster of the 3rd N. Y. Volunteers, setting forth that the regiment being encamped one mile from the village of Hampton, Virginia, which village had been deserted by its inhabitants, and in such haste as to leave libraries, furniture, etc. exposed to pillage and plunder of the hordes of negroes there congregated, and fearing for the safety of the Masonic Hall in the place, he reported the fact, and obtained from Major General BUTLER permission to take possession of, and take care of the property, which was done. No opportunity having presented itself of forwarding it direct to Richmond, he had transferred the property to him, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, remarking that, although as they honestly believed, they had come in defense of their just rights, they came not to wage war upon an order expressly founded to inculcate the exercise of *Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*.

The Grand Master, expressing his gratification of the above act, remarks that he has heard on each side of the contending armies noble instances in which the tenets of our profession have been faithfully and beautifully exemplified, demonstrating that Masons do *not* forget that they are *brethren*.

Missouri.

THIS Grand Lodge was opened in May, 1862, by R. W. GEO. WHITCOMB, S. Grand Warden, as Grand Master. The report of the committee on foreign correspondence is from the pen of R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN, Grand Secretary; he reviews the proceedings of but thirteen Grand Lodges, our own not included. He states that since the 10th of August preceding, all mail facilities were suspended between his place of residence and the rest of the world, and had been only partially resumed within the past four weeks; in concluding his report, he remarks that having passed through many trying scenes within the past ten months, he has no heart to write. He mourns for the unhappy condition of the country, and the amount of human

suffering he has witnessed, and in the bitterness of spirit he asks, why is it, that in this age of the world's history, such fearful calamity should have fallen upon us? If we, as Masons, he adds, exercised in their fullest extent those great lessons of providence, justice and charity, which have so frequently been taught us, much of the worst features of the present unhappy contest, now waging by members of the same great family, might never have appeared; but alas, for poor humanity. He confesses Masons, in too many instances have forgotten those lessons, and by their acts clearly prove that they entered the order for far different purposes. Their hearts were never prepared, they never learned to subdue their passions, and their Masonic lives have been one continued lie — a mournful picture, truly.

Finding no rule regulating the time *when* a person forfeits his election in a Lodge, either in the "regulations" of England, Ireland, or Scotland, or in the by laws of the several Grand Lodges of this country, they decided that an applicant failing to come forward for initiation within six months from the date of his election, his fee shall be declared forfeited.

On the third day of the session the address of the Grand Master, M. W. W. R. PENICK, was received and read, his home now being in the tented field. Calling their attention to the North American Congress, proposing to hold its next triennial meeting in September, at Memphis, he declares it to be the old general Grand Lodge in disguise, and he recommends the Grand Lodge to take no action on the subject. Speaking of the condition of Masonry in the State, he is of the opinion that not more than one-fourth of the Lodges are regularly at work, and declares it to be out of their power as Masons to do anything to revive them until law and order are restored in the State; he recommends the Grand Lodge to arrest the charters of all the Lodges that have been delinquent for two years, and that all dues from Lodges for the present year be remitted.

A decision was made of the case of J. W. HEMPHILL, W. M. of Clarks-ville Lodge, No. 17, who had been deposed from office by a District Deputy Grand Master. The facts were as follows: in April preceding, he was re-elected W. M. of his Lodge, and he and the other officers elect were duly installed by a Past Master the same evening; the meetings of the Lodge were regularly held, and work progressed as usual, until the 29th of August, when the J. W. Secretary, and J. D. addressed a letter to the D. D. G. M. of the tenth district, stating that they felt aggrieved because the W. M. refused to assent, at his installation, to the ancient charges and regulations of the order. The D. D. G. M. made inquiry at a meeting of the Lodge in October, when the W. M. established by proof, and *again* declared his assent to all the ancient charges of installation, but admitted that he had political opinions of his own as to the nature of allegiance, which he then, and still entertained, notwithstanding the D. D. G. M. remained of the opinion that the W. M. "persisted in qualifying the installation charges;" he therefore deposed him as above stated.

In November following, the same D. D. G. M. seized upon, and arrested the charter of said Lodge, upon the distinct and sole ground that "*the name of a plotter against the government* appeared upon the record as being present

at a Lodge meeting on the 9th of the same month ; the brother alluded to was, for a time, an officer in the army of Sterling Price, but had returned home to pursue his ordinary avocations. The decision was, that the deposing the W. M. was illegal, and therefore void, and that the charter, etc. be restored. The Grand Secretary states in his report, that it was his misfortune to witness some of the sufferings occasioned by the unnatural strife now existing, and he thanks God that it was in his power to do some little good for the wounded and suffering brethren, and while he regrets to state that many claiming to be Masons, hailing from that, and other jurisdictions, failed in their duty as such, he found others, who clearly comprehended their position, and acted accordingly.

No dispensations for the formation of new Lodges were issued during the year.

The D. D. Grand Masters were instructed to discountenance all unauthorized lecturers and itinerants, and to report to the Grand Lodge the names and places of residence of "this worthless class," should any appear among them. M. W. GEO. WHITCOMB was elected Grand Master, and R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

New York.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of New York, in June, 1862, M. W. FINLAY M. KING, presiding, who informed the Grand Lodge that he had declined an invitation to attend a convention of the Grand and Past Grand Masters of all the States, at Louisville, to compare opinions, with a view of effecting a conciliation of the difficulties between the different sections of our distracted country. The reasons which induced him to decline, were, that the proposed convention must, necessarily, be of a political character, and he was not authorized to represent the fraternity or mingle in the deliberations of such a body ; that, as an institution, we had no business to interfere with the political government of the country. This opinion, he says, seems to have been generally entertained of the project, both North and South, and it was abandoned. Speaking of the interruption of communication with many of the their sister Grand Lodges in other States, consequent upon this deplorable war, he remarks, that as far as he is informed, it is not occasioned by the action of any Grand Lodge on this continent, in respect to differences of a political character. He complains that some of their subordinate Lodges have procured from the legislature charters of incorporation, omitting the salutary provision, requiring the Lodges thus incorporated to conform "to the rules and regulations of the order, enabling it to defy the authority and powers of the Grand Lodges before the civil courts of the State," and becoming, in a legal sense, independent of the Grand Lodge.

The subject of reducing the representation of the Lodges to the Grand Lodge, he says, continues to occupy their ablest minds. Various plans are proposed, but none, as yet, agreed upon. Their Lodges now number five

hundred and twenty-four. He issued dispensations for the formation of seven new Lodges.

The Grand Master says his opinion has been asked in over four hundred cases; many, if not most of his decisions, turned upon the construction of the constitution or local usages. We quote a few, decided upon general principles:

A brother having received two degrees in another State, can only receive the third degree in a Lodge in this State by consent of the Lodge, Grand Lodge, or Grand Master of the State in which he was initiated.

The Grand Master has no power to authorize the election of a Master from the floor of a Lodge. If he is not a P. M., he must have served as Warden.

An expelled or suspended member can only be restored by petition, and the unanimous acceptance of a favorable report.

The Master of a Lodge has the power to direct the withdrawal of a visiting brother, if his presence disturbs harmony.

A non-affiliated Mason, made such by having been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, can only have a demit from his Lodge after paying up his dues to the time he was so stricken from the roll, and being restored by a two-thirds vote.

Any member of the Lodge is liable to be stricken from the roll on being in arrears for one year's dues.

He complains that efforts have been, and are still being made, to introduce and engraft upon their established system of work and lectures, a system that is variant from, and inconsistent in detail, with that so established. He says it will require a great deal of assurance on the part of any individual, to assert his system is the true one, in opposition to the deliberate decision of a majority of a body of seven or eight hundred Masons, who combine an amount of intelligence, research and Masonic knowledge, without superiors in the Masonic world. The idea, he says, is simply ridiculous.

The number of Lodges that made returns to date was 434, showing 3,604 initiations; 604 affiliations; demitted, 947; expelled, 38; suspended, 24; stricken from rolls for non-payment of dues, 1,259; restored to membership, 10; died, 324. Total number of members in good standing 30,835.

The fraternal acknowledgments of the Grand Lodge were tendered to M. W. Bro. FELLOWS, of New Orleans, for his fraternal kindness and Masonic hospitality to EDWIN COLE, a private in the 71st regiment New York militia, also a member of Hope Lodge, No. 244, New York, who, on the 21st of July, 1861, was severely wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Bull Run, whence he was taken to Richmond, and then sent to New Orleans, when his sufferings becoming known to M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, Grand Master of Louisiana, he provided him and eight other members of the craft (fellow prisoners with Brother COLE,) with clothing, medical attendance, and every needful comfort in the hour of their extremity.

R. W. FRANK M. HOPKINS, Grand Lecturer, reports by far the greater majority of their Lodges are already in possession of, and are practicing more or less perfectly, the standard of work and lectures.

The committee on constitution and by-laws, in answer to a question referred them, reported that according to their constitution, requiring every Mason to belong to some Lodge, a non-affiliated Mason has no rights secured to him beyond those of the profane, in regard to the government and discipline of Masonry, and the internal concerns of a Lodge; therefore, he cannot prefer charges against a brother, except through an officer, a member, or by order of a majority of the Lodge.

M. W. JOHN J. CRANE was elected Grand Master, and R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire.

THE annual communication was held in June, 1862. Grand Master HUGHES gives the following opinion:

"Adoptive Masonry!" one of the patent humbugs of the day. It does not take well in *our soil*. Perhaps we have too much granite in our composition, for it does not flourish well here. We have every reason to rejoice that it has been received as it has. It is "Frenchy." It originated and grew in troublesome times. It is a relic of the "French Revolution," when anarchy and infidelity were rampant. It is to be classed with the trash that "itinerant Masons" have to vend. The bare idea of making Masons of women is enough to condemn it with every one who believes in genuine Masonry. No woman of good repute will have anything to do with it, unless she is deceived.

The proceedings are almost exclusively of local interest. The Grand Master declares that there is but one sentiment among Masons, and that is, the "Constitution as it is, and the Union as it was."

The report on foreign correspondence is from the practiced pen of HORACE CHASE. He quotes approvingly from our proceedings.

CHARLES H. BELL was elected Grand Master, and HORACE CHASE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Nebraska.

THE annual communication was held in Omaha, in June, 1862, Grand Master ARMSTRONG, presiding. Six Lodges represented.

The Grand Master reports that harmony prevails among all their Lodges, which are flourishing in a greater degree than they could have anticipated in the present distracted state of the nation. Their prosperity and usefulness have been somewhat retarded by the absence of members who have answered their country's call, and are now fighting under the old flag for the restoration and integrity of the government. Yet, he says, they have progressed to an unexpected extent, and the number of initiates during the past year will compare favorably with that of any preceding one.

M. W. GEORGE ARMSTRONG was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. R. C. JORDAN, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, was elected to that office.

Oregon.

THE eleventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in September, 1861, at Salem. Twenty-six Lodges were represented.

Grand Master HOLBROOK being absent in the Atlantic States, sent a brief communication, recapitulating his official acts during the year, and deploring that "sorrow and grief are spread like a pall over the fraternity everywhere, because brother is at war with brother."

The committee on foreign correspondence notice the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1861, and quote approvingly from them.

They directed the Grand Secretary to procure, from year to year, the photograph of the preceding Grand Master.

Masonry is as well appreciated in this extreme western State as it is in the Atlantic jurisdictions. Of this, abundant evidence is afforded by the careful attention they gave to the various local subjects which occupied their attention during their four days' session.

JAMES R. BAGLEY was elected Grand Master, and WM. S. CALDWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania.

FROM this Grand Lodge we have an "abstract of their proceedings" during the year 1861.

The committee on foreign correspondence say the Grand Lodge have, within the last few years, devoted more careful attention to those proceedings of other Grand Lodges sent to her for examination and information. They do not consider it within the province of one Grand Lodge to interfere with the business and Masonic policy of another Grand Lodge, and her reticence on these subjects has been in conformity with her avowed opinion; whenever innovations by incaution have been knocking at the door of the temple, they have, in brotherly love, given the alarm, but neither reproachfully nor reprovably. They suggest that a system of permanent Grand Representation between every of the R. W. Grand Lodges of the United States and Europe may be of doubtful propriety; in special cases and for particular purposes, it is no doubt Masonic and beneficial. In all kindness they say a word against any individual or combination of individuals, members of the order, using their relations to the craft for purposes or objects which are aside from the cardinal principles of Free Masonry; when, therefore, plans, propositions, projects or purposes are attempted to be organized among the craftsmen, they say we would do well to examine into the motives which underlie them. Further on in their report they quote approvingly from G. M. A. T. C. PIERSON, of Minnesota, denouncing the formation (in his opinion a pecuniary speculation) of a secret association among Master Masons called "Conservators,"

the object of the scheme being to influence and control Subordinate and Grand Lodge action through secret agents, subjecting Subordinate and Grand Lodges to the control of the chief Conservator.

In reply to the circular of Bro. CYRIL PEARL, secretary *ad interim*, of the "North American Masonic Congress," inviting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to meet in convention, not so much for the discussion of those esoteric subjects of ordinary times, as for a sincere endeavor to pour the oil of tranquility on the troubled waters of national strife, Bro. VAUX, chairman of the committee on correspondence, replies that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have already spoken, very decidedly, adversely to such a congress, and that at this time of peril to our country, the still small voice of Masonic faith has not, he fears, power enough to rise above the din of arms and the roar of battle; the effort, if made, would demand a condition of public affairs which has not arisen or may have passed away, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not been able to regard his communication in such a light, as to convince her of the propriety of her concurrence in the plan his invitation suggests.

M. W. JOHN THOMPSON was elected Grand Master; and R. W. W. H. ADAMS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Rhode Island.

WE have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge "for the year ending June, 1862." From the address of M. W. A. BALLOU, delivered in May last, we learn that the closing year has been one of comparative prosperity. One new lodge has been formally constituted, and that while there has been little or none of the excitement which at times takes hold of the public, rendering them almost clamorous for admission, there has been a healthy increase, and a more watchful care to exclude the unworthy.

In this jurisdiction there are twenty-three lodges. Number raised during the year, fifty-two; died, thirty-three; expelled, one; suspended, two; rejected, fifteen.

M. W. ARIEL BALLOU, Grand Master, and R. W. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

Vermont.

THE regular communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Burlington, in January, 1862, Deputy Grand Master WASHBURN, presiding, who reported that within three months after the close of their last session a deep gloom spread over their Masonic horizon, and the heart of every brother within their jurisdiction was filled with sorrow by the mournful intelligence of the decease of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, PHILLIP C. TUCKER, who died in the city of Vergennes, on the tenth day of April, 1862, in the sixty-second year of his age. His remains were interred with Masonic honors, under the direction of the Grand Lodge. Speaking of the condition of the order in his jurisdiction, he says, craft

Masonry, in his opinion, never stood so high in the estimation of thinking men as it does this day; their lodges are fast filling up with eminent young men, who will do honor to the order; even men in middle life have recently manifested an ardent desire to be known and acknowledged among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. There are now under their jurisdiction fifty-six chartered Lodges, and three under dispensation.

It was proposed to repeal the article of their by-laws which reads, "Nor can business other than conferring degrees be done, except in a Master's Lodge." The mover, Bro. SAMUEL WILSON, declared it to be a modern innovation, unknown previous to 1842. The resolution was laid on the table, but afterwards taken up and rejected.

The committee to whom was referred three petitions from various regiments of Vermont volunteers for charters for Army Lodges, reported that they were embarrassed in their investigations for the want of precedents. They were informed that other States had granted charters, still, they say, that should have no influence with them, unless rightly granted. After stating what limitations and restrictions should be imposed if the Grand Lodge thought best to grant them, they say, that in their opinion, it would not be well to grant charters in any event, in which recommendation the Grand Lodge concurred.

M. W. LEVERETT B. ENGBY was elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, after distinguished services for twenty-eight years, retired, and HENRY CLARK, of Poultney, was elected to the office.

Wisconsin.

THE annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Milwaukee, in June, 1862.

M. W. Grand Master ALDEN congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the continuance of that harmony and concord which has heretofore characterized the fraternity within that jurisdiction. He says, at no period in the history of the order in that State, have they exhibited so strikingly the evidences of healthy growth and permanent prosperity. He granted five dispensations to form new Lodges during the year. They now have one hundred and thirty-two chartered Lodges, and four under dispensation, containing a membership of 4,067. Initiations, 532. Grand Lodge dues, \$2,593.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

Washington Territory.

THE fourth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Olympia, in September, 1861; representatives from eight of their nine Lodges being present. The evening session was occupied in exemplifying the work.

Grand Master GARFIELDE delivered a business-like address, recapitulating his official acts. He visited during the year all the Lodges but three.

There were seventy-three initiations during the year. The membership numbers two hundred and sixty-seven. Amount of Grand Lodge dues, \$504.

The Grand Master was authorized to instruct any well informed Master Mason in the jurisdiction, whose business may make it necessary to visit the Atlantic States, to attend a Masonic school of instruction, for the purpose of learning the Webb-Preston work, as taught by Bro. ROB. MORRIS, of Kentucky.

DANIEL BAGLEY was elected Grand Master, and T. M. REED was re-elected Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FENTON,

Grand Secretary, and ex-officio Chairman of Com. on F. C.

The Standing Committee on Accounts then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Standing Committee on Accounts beg leave to report upon the accounts referred to the committee by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of this grand body, and having compared payments made with the vouchers, find them correct.

Your committee would further recommend that warrants be drawn for the following accounts, to wit :

Richmonds & Backus, for stationery, - - - - -	\$38 95
For balance due Grand Treasurer, as per report, - - -	5 53
Amount still in the hands of Grand Secretary, as per report, -	8 25
The Grand Secretary's tabular statement for the session of 1861, shows his receipts to have been - - - - -	\$2,342 33
The Grand Treasurer's account presented January 8th, 1862, acknowledges "received from Grand Secretary," only	2,232 33
Leaving unaccounted for - - - - -	\$110 00

For this sum the Grand Secretary holds the receipt of the late R. W. W. H. McOMBER, but his executors, not having rendered an account to the Grand Lodge, the receipt of the \$110 did not appear in the record; we have examined the final account of the estate of Bro. McOMBER, by which it appears that the Grand Lodge received from it \$221.87, while the balance, as per last account on record, was but \$211.87.

It may be proper to add that warrant No. 124½ has never been returned by the executor.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. P. WHITING,

C. T. SOUTHWORTH.

On motion of Bro. O. B. DIBBLE, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a suitable monument to our late Past Grand Master, HORACE S. ROBERTS, and that the same be expended under the direction of a committee of three, to be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. O. B. DIBBLE, H. T. BACKUS, and F. DARROW such committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a Past Grand Master Jewel, to be presented to Past Grand Master F. DARROW.

On motion of Bro. BOURKE, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to our last Past Grand Master DARROW for the able, enlightened, and dignified manner he has presided over this Grand Body during his term of office. Also, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are given to the remainder of the late grand officers for their efficiency in the discharge of the duties of their several offices.

On motion of Bro. DART, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, Lodges previously chartered by this Grand Lodge have been instituted, and their officers installed, without any authority from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in consequence thereof, no reports have been made to this Grand Lodge of the legal constitution of such Lodges; therefore

Resolved, That all Lodges hereafter constituted under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be prohibited from continuing such practice, and that such Lodges should only be constituted and its officers installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or his proxy duly appointed.

The Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the communication from St. Albans Lodge, No. 20, asking instruction from the Grand Lodge respecting the propriety of admitting to membership without demit, a brother where there is no proof that the charter of the Lodge from which the brother hails, has been surrendered, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and report that such admission would be contrary to masonic law and usage.

O. D. CONGER,
A. B. CUDWORTH,
Committee.

Bro. W. T. MITCHELL offered the following resolution, which was adopted, after being amended by ordering it to be sent to the subordinate Lodges in the form of a circular :

Resolved, That all Lodges within this jurisdiction are enjoined and prohibited from encouraging, promoting, or permitting the delivery or teaching any masonic lectures, or work which have not been sanctioned and authorized by this Grand Lodge; and all brothers within this jurisdiction, are prohibited from delivering or teaching such lectures to Lodges in this State unless hereafter authorized so to do by this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to procure the printing of the transactions, and such other matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having reference in his contract, as well to the price, as to the time of performance.

There being no further business, the communication of the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in AMPLE FORM, after solemn prayer by the W. and M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST:

[SEAL.]

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jas. Fenton." The signature is written in dark ink and is the central focus of the attestation section.

Grand Secretary.

1863. *TABULAR STATEMENT for the year ending December 27th, 1862.*

No.	LOGGERS.	MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
1	ZION,	G. B. Noble,	Detroit,	13	...	...	11	5	1	3	129	\$42 25	
2	DETROIT,	Oliver Bourke,	Detroit,	21	8	...	...	8	5	2	205	67 00	
3	UNION OF S. O.,	John P. Fiske,	Detroit,	6	...	...	5	...	3	2	124	35 75	
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY	S. D. Barrett,	Niles,	4	...	...	...	1	2	...	62	16 75	
5	ROCHESTER,	J. V. Lamberton,	Rochester,	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	Dues remitted.
6	MT. CLEMENS,	W. S. Robinson,	Mt. Clemens,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	4 00	
7	WASHINGTON,	A. D. Eldred,	Tekonsha,	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	31	9 00	
8	TRENTON,	A. McIlhinney,	Trenton,	4	...	6	...	...	...	...	37	10 75	
9	EVERGREEN,	G. L. Cornell,	St. Clair,	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	46	9 25	
10	DOWAGIAC,	W. H. Campbell,	Dowagiac,	2	...	1	39	2	1	...	50	13 50	
11	PINE GROVE,	E. W. Harris,	Pt. Huron,	14	...	...	...	8	1	2	68	26 75	
12	BATTLE CREEK,	Darwin G. Buck,	Battle Creek,	27	5	...	7	...	1	4	119	47 75	
13	PHENIX,	J. G. Brown,	Ypsilanti,	8	2	...	4	...	1	1	91	26 00	
14	MURAT,	F. W. Sheldon,	Albion,	5	...	1	3	5	...	5	53	16 50	
15	LAFAYETTE,	Wm. Sinclair,	Jonesville,	27	...	...	...	6	1	28	101	47 50	
16	JACKSON,	Benj. Porter,	Jackson,	15	...	...	...	5	2	3	134	48 00	
17	TYRE,	Seaman L. Dart,	Coldwater,	26	2	1	...	6	1	26	150	54 25	
18	ADRIAN,	W. F. King,	Adrian,	18	3	...	...	...	...	...	97	36 75	
19	ST. ALBANS,	H. A. Tillotson,	Marshall,	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	78	23 75	
20	PONTIAC,	Mark Walton,	Pontiac,	10	9	...	1	2	...	1	83	33 32	
21	KALAMAZOO,	A. T. Metcalf,	Kalamazoo,	9	1	...	28	...	...	6	102	28 00	
22	FLINT,	Wm. Clark,	Flint,	5	7	...	1	7	4	...	90	26 75	
23	MT. HERMON,	P. M. Gray,	Centreville,	8	...	...	...	...	4	...	50	17 00	
24	PAW PAW,	H. D. Eggleston,	Paw Paw,	5	1	...	...	8	2	...	53	17 00	
25	MONROE,	D. R. Stroud,	Hudson,	20	3	...	...	6	3	...	97	39 15	
26	MONROE,	W. W. Prentice,	Monroe,	8	...	...	...	4	2	9	63	23 00	

38	UNION,	Edwin Perry,	Union City,	11	8	7	1	50	39 75
39	HUMANITY,	Frank Mead,	Homer,	3	2	1	2	29	8 25
40	CONCORD,	A. J. Paddock,	Concord,	4	4	2	1	44	13 50
41	PORTLAND,	G. F. Lee,	Portland,	4	1	2	5	35	11 00
42	FIDELITY,	Richard Rowe,	Hillsdale,	5	9	2	3	107	28 75
43	LANSING,	J. P. Cowles,	Lansing,	19	7	6	8	82	69 50
44	GRAND RIVER,	L. A. Rogers,	Gr'd Rapids,	30	9	4	5	185	52 53
45	SILKOM,	Thomas G. Green,	Constantine,	5	3	2	2	88	25 55
46	IONIA,	Willard B. Wells,	Ionias,	6	6	1	3	63	21 38
47	LYONS,	H. R. Wagar,	Lyons,	7	6	1	3	57	17 25
48	HOWELL,	S. F. Hubbell,	Howell,	8	1	1	1	60	18 24
49	WESTERN STAR,	E. A. Brown,	Berrien,	6	4	2	1	40	9 75
50	FRANKLIN,	Howard A. Pratt,	Litchfield,	6	4	2	1	28	11 00
51	ROMEO,	Samuel W. Belles,	Romeo,	8	1	4	2	61	20 25
52	BIRMINGHAM,	A. Partridge,	Birmingham,	7	1	4	2	69	21 50
53	ORION,	J. Van Alstine,	Orion,	1	1	4	1	30	7 33
54	PLYMOUTH ROCK,	Geo. W. Booth,	Plymouth,	4	11	1	5	56	21 25
55	AUSTIN,	David A. Wright,	Austin,	4	1	1	1	47	14 50
56	MERIDIAN SUN,	Homer Dunn,	Sturgis,	3	1	1	1	72	19 50
57	MICHIGAN,	J. L. Mitchell, M. D.,	Jackson,	14	1	7	2	82	28 50
58	ALMONT,	D. W. Hallock,	Almont,	6	1	4	1	49	16 50
59	HASTINGS,	A. P. Drake, M. D.,	Hastings,	7	1	6	1	56	19 45
60	LAPEER,	R. G. Hart,	Lapeer,	1	1	1	1	46	11 62
61	BACKUS,	A. Smith,	Cassopolis,	1	1	2	1	55	14 25
62	OCCIDENTAL,	Warren Chapman,	St. Joseph,	4	1	1	2	66	19 94
63	THREE RIVERS,	D. W. Bateman,	Three Rivers,	11	2	2	3	92	27 77
64	PT. HURON,	W. T. Mitchell,	Pt. Huron,	6	4	1	3	75	28 27
65	CLIMAX,	N. Eldred,	Climax,	3	2	1	3	51	13 50
66	CEDAR,	N. B. Smith,	Clarkston,	10	2	2	1	49	19 38
67	LEXINGTON,	Arthur M. Clark,	Lexington,	4	9	2	1	90	18 75
68	S. WARD,	B. S. Horton,	Belle River,	4	2	2	1	42	13 83
69	EATON RAPIDS,	James Gallery,	Eaton Rapids,	2	2	3	3	57	15 25
70	MACOMB,	Albert Lincoln,	Washington,	6	2	2	3	37	12 50
71	WASHTENAW,	G. H. Lyon,	Dexter,	12	1	2	4	55	22 00

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No.	Lodges.	MASTERS.	Address.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted.	No. Mch.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
66	CAPITAL OF S. O.,	E. E. Beebe,	Lansing,	9	...	1	...	...	1	...	61	18 25	
67	ONTONAGON,	William Condon,	Ontonagon,	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	84	8 00	
68	BUCHANAN,	Charles Clark,	Buchanan,	18	...	...	...	1	...	...	83	26 50	
69	TECUMSEH,	Lucius Lilley,	Tecumseh,	7	9	...	...	2	...	10	71	23 50	
70	MASON,	Peter Low,	Mason,	17	4	...	...	7	1	...	54	27 75	
78	COLON,	M. W. Alfred,	Colon,	4	1	...	...	2	...	3	42	12 99	
74	DUNDEE,	H. Watling,	Dundee,	6	2	...	1	2	...	...	39	14 75	
75	UTICA,	Phillip A. Knight,	Utica,	1	...	...	3	2	...	...	35	9 25	
76	LIVINGSTON,	C. W. Haze,	Pinckney,	6	...	...	...	3	1	...	55	17 25	
77	SAGINAW,	W. J. Bartow,	East Saginaw,	4	...	...	...	2	...	4	40	13 75	
78	OTSEGO,	O. Eaton,	Osego,	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	20 50	
79	GERMANIA,	Otto Roesser,	Saginaw City,	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	21	7 75	
80	BYRON,	R. Fox,	Byron,	14	...	...	...	2	1	...	39	19 25	
81	OWOSSO,	E. C. D. Gregory,	Owosso,	1	...	...	...	4	1	...	43	7 83	
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR,	H. G. Blanchard,	N. Baltimore,	5	...	...	5	4	1	5	47	14 95	
83	BELLEVUE,	M. S. Brackett,	Bellevue,	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	32	10 50	
84	OXFORD,	George S. Pierce,	Oxford,	6	2	1	6	1	...	...	33	10 75	
85	ANN ARBOR,	John N. Gott,	Ann Arbor,	7	2	...	7	3	...	5	81	27 00	
86	VALLEY CITY,	W. K. Wheeler,	Gr'd Rapids,	17	...	...	...	...	1	12	93	21 40	
88	BUTLER,	Ambrose Lampman	Butler,	1	3	...	6	...	1	...	32	13 00	
89	MYRTLE,	S. P. Hewitt,	Bellevue,	1	...	...	2	...	1	1	36	9 75	
90	LOWELL,	Thomas Daniels,	Lowell,	10	...	...	...	7	1	1	55	20 47	
91	ASHLAR,	Reuben Bulman,	Detroit,	15	...	...	2	3	3	3	78	32 65	
92	PRAIRIE,	O. N. Burroughs,	Galesburg,	8	1	...	...	2	1	4	40	16 75	
93	SPAR,	F. W. Thompson,	Osego,	4	...	...	...	2	2	1	33	11 88	
94	CHARITY,	Joa. P. Whiting,	Detroit,	14	1	...	8	5	...	16	66	30 25	

Includes dues of 1861.

96	J. MOORE,	F. N. Butler,	Morenci,	5	...	...	4	...	4	50
97	GREENVILLE,	M. Rider,	Greenville,	3	...	...	...	...	2	27
98	NILES,	Joel Loomis,	Niles,	3	...	...	1	1	...	5
99	WATERFORD,	F. W. Fifield,	Waterford,	6	1	...	...	...	5	32
100	DECATUR,	Orrin T. Welch,	Decatur,	1	...	...	...	3	...	38
101	OAKWOOD,	Sloan Cooley,	Oakwood,	4	1	...	...	1	...	24
102	MARQUETTE,	Andrew G. Clark,	Marquette, L.S.	2	...	...	...	1	2	44
103	BLANCHARD,	Jas. J. Russell,	Petersburg,	11	...	...	8	2	1	50
104	GREENLY,	Walter S. Sears,	Adrian,	7	8	...	...	1	...	65
105	WHITE PIGEON,	Geo. G. Du Puy,	White Pigeon,	5	9	...	...	...	2	35
106	ST. JOHNS,	Wm. H. Moote,	St. Johns,	10	1	...	2	5	...	38
107	ST. PETERS,	A. S. Cook,	Edwardsburg,	8	3	1	2	2	4	41
108	EUREKA,	C. T. Southworth,	Monroe,	7	1	...	...	2	...	46
109	ROCKLAND,	Frank G. White,	Rockland, L.S.	11	5	...	8	15	...	62
110	FENTONVILLE,	David H. Baker,	Fentonville,	21	...	3	12	1	1	67
111	HTRAM,	W. H. Lawrence,	Flat Rock,	...	...	...	1	...	...	34
112	ALLEGAN,	E. D. Follett,	Allegan,	1	...	...	2	1	...	49
113	WAYNE,	B. Hodgkinson,	Wayne,	11	...	...	...	1	10	9
114	HAMILTON,	Isaac Hopper,	Moscow,	24	4	...	3	1	25	20
115	BLISSFIELD,	John B. Clement,	Blissfield,	5	1	1	1	...	...	31
116	CORUNNA,	H. McCurdy,	Corunna,	8	...	1	4	1	1	41
117	EXCELSIOR,	O. R. Dibble,	Grass Lake,	10	...	...	4	...	...	18
118	READING,	A. B. Strong,	Reading,	13	...	...	1	...	2	55
119	SCHOOLCRAFT,	John W. Baker,	Schoolcraft,	9	...	...	...	...	8	33
120	RISENG SUN,	Benj. F. Chadwick,	Lawrence,	4	...	...	4	3	2	37
121	CHARLOTTE,	E. S. Lacey,	Charlotte,	2	...	...	...	...	...	25
122	COMMERCE,	Thad. A. Smith,	Commerce,	15	...	...	...	...	1	30
123	OTTAWA,	John G. Colgrove,	Eastmanville,	5	...	...	5	...	...	36
124	ITHICA,	Benj. Crawford,	Ithica,	11	...	...	...	...	2	31
125	FAIRFIELD,	O. L. Cowles,	Burr Oak,	10	11	...	...	...	2	33
126	FOREST,	F. Grundy,	Fairfield,	8	...	...	8	...	5	36
127	OVID,	Oliver Dodge,	West Berlin,	9	1	1	1	...	...	35
128	YPSILANTI,	John A. Potter,	Ovid,	27	...	...	14	2	12	55
		Benj. Follett,	Ypsilanti,	11	...	1	...	...	...	66

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

No.	Lodge.	MASTERS.	ADDRESSES.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
129	BAY CITY,	A. B. Bradley,	Bay City,	11	....	1	....	4	..	12	38	21 75	
130	STOCKBRIDGE,	Charles G. Cool,	Stockbridge,	10	....	....	....	8	..	....	94	15 50	
131	NEWAYGO,	Henry Giddings,	Newaygo,	13	1	....	....	2	1	....	37	21 10	
132	LINDEN,	J. B. Hyatt,	Linden,	15	3	....	....	3	..	15	35	19 25	
133	SALINE,	E. B. Clark,	Saline,	13	....	....	....	7	..	....	36	18 25	
134	HOLLY,	J. E. Davis,	Holly,	11	1	....	....	6	2	16	34	16 25	
135	QUINCY,	Chas. L. Wheeler,	Hancock, L. S.	12	2	....	....	10	..	14	37	20 75	
136	POKAGON,	Calvin Benton,	Pokagon,	6	....	....	....	3	..	1	28	11 14	
"	MENDON,	N. S. Johnson,	Mendon,	5	....	....	....	....	..	1	24	10 75	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MEMPHIS,	L. G. Sperry,	Memphis,	15	....	....	....	....	..	....	15	18 25	Dispensat'n continued.
"	PORT HOPE,	Chas. B. Cottrell,	Port Hope,	3	....	....	....	....	..	2	9	6 75	Also \$30 for charter.
"	GRAND HAVEN,	Thos. Lowe,	Grand Haven,	9	....	....	....	1	..	9	21	12 25	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MUSKEGON,	S. C. Stevens,	Muskegon,	16	....	....	....	3	..	....	26	18 00	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MYSTIC,	Darius Monroe,	Bronson,	7	....	....	....	....	..	....	9	9 00	\$20 for bal. of charter.
"	MANCHESTER,	J. B. Gilman,	Manchester,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	2 00	Just organized.
Totals.....				1100	168	26	197	319	113	425	7313	\$2646 05	
17 Special Dispensations.....												85 00	
For Charters, as above.....												140 00	
4 Blue Books.....												1 00	
1 Grand Lodge Certificate.....												50	
Balance of Grand Secretary's account.....												3 25	
Paid Grand Treasurer.....												\$2,875 80	

PAY ROLL—Session of 1863, at Detroit.

No.	LODGE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
1	ZION,	....	.....	.....	\$3 00	G. B. Noble.
2	DETROIT,	....	.....	.....	3 00	O. Bourke.
3	UNION OF S. O.	....	.....	.....	3 00	J. P. Fiske.
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY,	191	\$11 46	3 00	13 75	T. G. Beaver.
7	WASHINGTON,	120	7 20	3 00	9 00	A. D. Eldred.
8	TRENTON,	20	1 20	3 00	4 20	A. McIlhinney.
9	EVERGREEN,	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	M. H. Miles.
10	DOWAGIAC,	178	10 68	3 00	13 50	A. W. Alward.
11	PINE GROVE,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	E. W. Harris.
12	BATTLE CREEK,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	D. D. Buck.
13	PHENIX,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	J. G. Brown.
14	MURAT,	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	F. W. Sheldon.
16	LAFAYETTE,	112	6 72	3 00	9 72	W. Sinclair.
17	JACKSON,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	B. Porter.
18	TYRE,	130	7 80	3 00	10 80	S. L. Dart.
19	ADRIAN,	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	W. F. King.
20	ST. ALBAN'S,	107	6 42	3 00	9 42	H. A. Tillottson.
21	PONTIAC,	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	A. B. Cudworth.
22	KALAMAZOO,	143	8 58	3 00	11 58	A. T. Metcalf.
23	FLINT,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	A. Randall.
24	MT. HERMON,	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	J. Belote.
25	PAW PAW,	164	9 84	3 00	12 84	O. C. Simmons.
26	MAXSON,	90	5 40	3 00	8 40	D. R. Stroud.
27	MONROE,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	J. R. Grosvenor.
28	UNION,	149	8 58	3 00	11 58	A. B. Aiken.
29	HUMANITY,	107	6 42	3 00	8 25	Vernon Parks.
30	CONCORD,	96	5 76	3 00	8 76	A. J. Paddock.
31	PORTLAND,	136	7 80	3 00	10 80	Ch. A. Peters.
32	FIDELITY,	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	R. Rowe.
33	LANSING,	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	J. P. Cowles.
34	GRAND RIVER,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	L. A. Rogers.
35	SILLOAM,	170	10 20	3 00	13 20	T. G. Green.
36	IONIA,	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	G. Hill.
37	LYONS,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	H. R. Wager.
38	HOWELL,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	S. F. Hubbell.
39	WESTERN STAR,	200	12 00	....	9 75	E. A. Brown.
40	FRANKLIN,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	H. A. Pratt.
41	ROMEO,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	A. Palmer.
44	BIRMINGHAM,	19	1 14	3 00	4 14	A. Partridge.
46	ORION,	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	J. Van Alstine.
47	PLYMOUTH ROCK,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	G. W. Booth.
48	AUSTIN,	52	3 16	3 00	6 16	D. A. Wright.
49	MERIDIAN SUN,	165	9 90	3 00	12 90	I. F. Packard.
50	MICHIGAN,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	O. H. McConnel.
51	ALMONT,	48	2 78	3 00	5 78	DeWitt Hallock.
52	HASTINGS,	150	9 00	3 00	12 00	O. P. Drake.
54	LAPEER,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	R. G. Hart.
55	BACKUS,	188	11 28	3 00	14 28	A. Smith.
56	OCCIDENTAL,	216	12 96	3 00	15 96	Wm. Earle.
57	THREE RIVERS,	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	J. W. Hollowell.
58	PORT HURON,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	W. T. Mitchell.

PAY ROLL—Continued.

No.	LOCATIONS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
59	CLIMAX,	132	\$ 7 92	3 00	\$10 92	N. Eldred.
60	CEDAR,	35	2 10	3 00	5 10	N. B. Smith.
61	LEXINGTON,	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	A. M. Clark.
62	S. WARD,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	D. McCollum.
63	EATON RAPIDS,	102	6 12	3 00	9 12	J. Gallery.
64	MACOMB,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	A. Lincoln.
65	WASHTENAW,	47	2 80	3 00	5 80	G. H. Lyon.
66	CAPITAL OF S. O.	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	E. E. Beebe.
69	TECUMSEH,	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	L. Lilley.
70	MASON,	101	6 06	3 00	9 06	P. Lowe.
73	COLON,	150	9 42	3 00	12 42	M. W. Alfred.
74	DUNDEE,	60	4 08	3 00	7 08	E. Kent.
75	UTICA,	27	1 62	3 00	4 62	W. P. Wells.
76	LIVINGSTON,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	M. F. Darrow.
77	SAGINAW,	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	J. J. Wheeler.
78	OTSEGO,	157	9 42	3 00	12 42	D. M. Hull.
79	GERMANIA,	107	6 42	....	7 75	T. L. Jackson.
80	BYRON,	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	W. Clough.
81	OWOSSO,	85	5 10	....	7 83	M. L. Stewart.
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR,	34	2 04	3 00	5 04	H. G. Blanchard.
84	OXFORD,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	G. Pierce.
85	ANN ARBOR,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	J. M. Gott.
86	VALLEY CITY,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	F. Letellier.
88	BUTLER,	127	7 62	....	6 25	A. Lampman.
89	MYRTLE,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	A. Robb.
90	LOWELL,	148	8 88	3 00	11 88	B. G. Wilson.
91	ASHLAR,	....	....	....	3 00	R. Bulman.
92	PRAIRIE,	134	8 04	3 00	11 04	D. L. Johnson.
93	STAR,	111	6 66	2 00	8 66	F. W. Thompson
94	CHARITY,	....	....	....	3 00	J. P. Whiting.
95	J. MOORS,	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	T. N. Butler.
96	GREENVILLE,	167	10 02	3 00	5 75	M. Rider.
97	NILES,	191	11 46	3 00	13 50	D. D. Robinson.
98	WATERFORD,	33	1 96	3 00	4 96	F. Bradley.
99	DECATUR,	167	10 02	....	9 50	O. T. Welch.
100	OAKWOOD,	42	2 52	3 00	5 52	L. Fitch.
102	BLANCHARD,	57	3 42	3 00	6 42	J. J. Russell.
103	GREENLY,	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	E. C. Winter.
104	WHITE PIGEON,	161	9 66	3 00	12 66	S. S. Hand.
105	ST. JOHN'S,	100	6 00	3 00	9 00	W. H. Moote.
106	ST. PETER'S,	203	12 18	3 00	15 18	J. S. Jacks.
107	EUREKA,	50	3 00	2 00	5 00	C. T. Southworth
108	ROCKLAND,	....	....	....	3 00	J. B. Wayne.
109	FENTONVILLE,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	D. H. Baker.
110	HIRAM,	31	1 86	3 00	4 86	W. H. Lawrence
111	ALLEGAN,	108	10 08	....	9 75	A. S. Butler.
112	WAYNE,	18	1 08	3 00	4 08	G. Walker.
113	HAMILTON,	122	7 36	3 00	10 36	V. V. B. Merwin.
114	BLISSFIELD,	82	4 92	3 00	7 92	J. B. Clement.
115	CORUNNA,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	H. McCurdy.
116	EXCELSIOR,	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	O. R. Dibble.

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117	READING,	126	\$ 7 56	2 00	\$ 9 56	A. B. Strong.
118	SCHOOLCRAFT,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	J. W. Baker.
121	COMMERCE,	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	T. A. Smith.
123	OTTAWA,	175	10 50	....	11 00	J. G. Colgrove.
123	ITHICA,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	E. Peck.
124	EAGLE,	147	8 82	3 00	11 82	O. L. Cowlea.
125	FAIRFIELD,	78	4 68	3 00	7 68	F. Grandy.
126	FOREST,	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	O. Dodge.
127	OVID,	90	5 40	3 00	8 40	H. C. Smith.
128	YPSILANTI,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	J. B. Marvin.
129	BAY CITY,	129	7 26	3 00	10 26	J. S. Judson.
130	STOCKBRIDGE,	74	4 64	2 00	6 64	C. G. Cool.
131	NEWAYGO,	200	12 00	3 00	15 00	A. H. Giddings.
132	LINDEN,	55	3 30	3 00	6 30	J. B. Hyatt.
133	SALINE,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	E. B. Clark.
134	HOLLY,	55	3 30	3 00	6 30	Milan Perry.
136	POKAGON,	184	11 04	3 00	11 60	C. Benton.
U. D.	MENDON,	180	10 80	....	10 75	N. S. Johnson.
"	MEMPHIS,	42	2 52	3 00	5 52	J. P. Quick.
"	PORT HOPE,	131	7 86	....	6 75	A. J. Mathewson
"	GRAND HAVEN,	188	11 28	....	12 25	T. Lowe.
"	MUSKEGON,	204	12 24	3 00	15 24	S. O. Stevens.
"	MYSTIC,	140	8 40	....	9 00	P. S. Cowlea.
"	MANCHESTER,	49	5 94	....	2 00	J. B. Gilman.
GRAND OFFICERS.						
	Grand Master,	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	F. DARROW.
	Deputy Grand Master,	161	9 66	3 00	12 66	J. E. JOHNSON.
	Senior Grand Warden,	...	....	3 00	3 00	F. CARLISLE.
	Junior Grand Warden,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	M. AYERS.
	Grand Chaplain,	...	....	....	25 00	D. B. TRACY.
	Grand Architect,	...	....	....	3 00	W. BARCLAY.
	Grand Treasurer,	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	R. W. LANDON.
	Grand Visitor and Lect'r,	...	5 10	3 00	8 10	S. BLANCHARD.
	Senior Grand Deacon,	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	G. W. WILSON.
	Junior Grand Deacon,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	T. H. TRACEY.
	Grand Sword Bearer,	...	....	....	7 80	R. B. PIPER.
	Grand Pursuivant,	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	E. P. WORDEN.
	Grand Steward and Tyler,	25 00	C. D. HOWARD.
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EXPELLED.

NAMES.	LODGES.	CAUSE.
Ira Burley - - - - from	Washington - No. 7, for	u. m. c.
L. H. Birt - - - - - "	Trenton - - " 8, "	n. p. d.
L. W. Martin - - - - - "	" - - - " 8, "	"
Christopher Lark - - - - - "	" - - - " 8, "	"
Milton E. Cady, - - - - - "	" - - - " 8, "	"
Samuel H. Chamberlin - - - - - "	" - - - " 8, "	"
L. A. Dauley - - - - - "	" - - - " 8, "	"
John E. Cooper - - - - - "	Dowagiac - - " 10, "	u. m. c.
Henry Morton - - - - - "	Murat - - - " 14, "	gross u. m. c.
W. H. Brown - - - - - "	Tyre - - - " 18, "	"
Geo. Hart, - - - - - "	Kalamazoo - - " 22, "	"
Philander Tracy - - - - - "	Grand River - - " 34, "	"
Wm. Webb - - - - - "	Siloam - - - " 35, "	"
R. T. Morton - - - - - "	" - - - " 35, "	"
J. W. Holmes - - - - - "	Capitol, S. O. - - " 66, "	n. p. d.
Edmund P. Adair - - - - - "	Utica - - - " 75, "	"
H. Hovey - - - - - "	Oxford - - - " 84, "	u. m. c.
J. W. Ridding, - - - - - "	Decatur - - - " 99, "	n. p. d.
Geo. Bennett - - - - - "	" - - - " 99, "	"
A. E. Dwight - - - - - "	" - - - " 99, "	"
Enoch Southwell - - - - - "	" - - - " 99, "	"
Eli Rich - - - - - "	" - - - " 99, "	"
John Gould - - - - - "	Corunna - - - " 115, "	"
Warren Martillo, non affiliated, - - - - - "	Ypsilanti - - - " 128, "	gross u. m. c.
Thos. Hargrave, of St. Andrews, 62, Canada - - - - - "	Bay City - - - " 129, "	gross u. m. c.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

In Correspondence with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan,

WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama - - - -	Daniel Sayre - - - -	Montgomery.
Arkansas - - - -	T. D. Merrick - - - -	Little Rock.
California - - - -	Alex. G. Abell - - - -	San Francisco.
Canada - - - -	Thomas B. Harris - - - -	Hamilton, C. W.
Connecticut - - - -	L. E. Hunt - - - -	Hartford.
Colorado - - - -	O. A. Whittemore - - - -	Parkville.
Delaware - - - -	W. S. Hayes - - - -	Wilmington.
District of Columbia - - - -	G. A. Schwarzman - - - -	Washington.
Florida - - - -	John B. Taylor, M. D. - - - -	Tallahassee.
Georgia - - - -	Simri Rose - - - -	Macon.
Illinois - - - -	Harman G. Reynolds - - - -	Springfield.
Indiana - - - -	Francis King - - - -	Indianapolis.
Iowa - - - -	T. S. Parvin - - - -	Iowa City.
Kentucky - - - -	Phillip Swigert - - - -	Frankfort.
Kansas - - - -	E. T. Carr - - - -	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana - - - -	Samuel L. Todd - - - -	New Orleans.
Maine - - - -	Ira Berry - - - -	Portland.
Maryland - - - -	Joseph Robinson - - - -	Baltimore.
Massachusetts - - - -	Charles W. Moore - - - -	Boston.
Missouri - - - -	A. O'Sullivan - - - -	Springfield.
Mississippi - - - -	R. W. T. Daniel - - - -	Natchez.
Minnesota - - - -	George W. Prescott - - - -	St. Paul.
New Hampshire - - - -	Horace Chase - - - -	Hopkinton.
New Jersey - - - -	Joseph H. Hough - - - -	Trenton.
New York - - - -	James M. Austin, M. D. - - - -	New York.
North Carolina - - - -	William T. Bain - - - -	Raleigh.
Nebraska - - - -	R. C. Jordan - - - -	Omaha.
Ohio - - - -	John D. Cadwell - - - -	Cincinnati.
Oregon - - - -	William S. Caldwell - - - -	Hillsboro'.
Pennsylvania - - - -	William H. Adams - - - -	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island - - - -	Thomas A. Doyle - - - -	Providence.
South Carolina - - - -	A. G. Mackey, M. D. - - - -	Charleston.
Tennessee - - - -	Charles A. Fuller - - - -	Nashville.
Texas - - - -	A. S. Ruthven - - - -	Galveston.
Virginia - - - -	John Dove, M. D. - - - -	Richmond.
Vermont - - - -	Henry Clark - - - -	Poultney.
Wisconsin - - - -	James B. Kellogg - - - -	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory - - - -	T. M. Reed - - - -	Olympia.
Grand Orient of France, Adolphe Perriere - - - -		Paris.

IN MEMORIAM

Col. Horace S. Roberts,

PAST GRAND MASTER.

List of Grand Officers

FOR THE YEAR 1863.

NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, of Centreville, Grand Master.
LOVELL MOORE, of Grand Rapids, Deputy Grand Master.
MICHAEL AYRES, of Fentonville, Senior Grand Warden.
A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo, Junior Grand Warden.
REV. D. B. TRACY, of Petersburg, Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, of Detroit, Grand Architect.
JAMES FEXTON, of Detroit, Grand Secretary.
R. W. LANDON, of Niles, Grand Treasurer.
S. BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh, Grand Visitor and Lecturer.
S. F. HUBBELL, of Howell, Senior Grand Deacon.
P. H. TAYLOR, of Ionia, Junior Grand Deacon.
J. P. WHITING, of Detroit, Grand Marshal.
O. BOURKE, of Detroit, Grand Sword Bearer.
HENRY METZ, of Detroit, Grand Pursuivant.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, of Detroit, Grand Steward and Tiler.

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the second Wednesday in January, 1864, at the City of Detroit.

~~It~~ It is indispensable that Secretaries forward the returns of their Lodges before the Session.

W. C. Hollands

TRANSACTIONS

no. 1, Mich.
Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons

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OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD IN

Detroit, January 13, A. L. 5864.



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OF THE
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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened, pursuant to provisions of the constitution, and the resolution of the last session, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (18th,) A. L. 5864.

PRESENT:

W. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,	GRAND MASTER.
W. LOVELL MOORE,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
W. MICHAEL AYRES,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" A. T. METCALF,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" Rev. D. B. TRACY,	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
" WILLIAM BARCLAY,	GRAND ARCHITECT.
" JAMES FENTON,	GRAND SECRETARY.
" R. W. LANDON,	GRAND TREASURER.
" S. BLANCHARD,	GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.
" S. F. HUBBELL,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
" P. H. TAYLOR,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
" J. P. WHITING,	GRAND MARSHAL.
" O. BOURKE,	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
" HENRY METZ,	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
" CHARLES D. HOWARD,	GRAND STEWARD AND TILER.

At high twelve, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. D. B. TRACY, W. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers BENJAMIN PORTER, Jr., W. T. MITCHELL, and WILLIAM WALKER, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit :

- No. 1—*Zion*—E. G. Allen, W. M.; Arthur Bartis, Rep. S. W.; J. C. Gorton, Rep. J. W.; G. B. Noble, L. P. M.
- No. 2—*Detroit*—O. Bourke, W. M.; John Stirling, S. W.; W. F. Moore, J. W.; Wm. Barclay, L. P. M.
- No. 3—*Union of S. O.*—Ed. LeFavour, W. M.; W. H. Barse, S. W.; O. B. Dibble, Rep. J. W.; J. P. Fiske, L. P. M.
- No. 4—*St. Joseph Valley*—Henry Rounds, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 5—*Rochester*—J. V. Lambertson, W. M., and Rep. of J. W.; J. C. Wilson, S. W.
- No. 6—*Mt. Clemens*—R. P. Eldredge, W. M.; H. Cartter, Rep. S. W.; John J. Traver, Rep. J. W.
- No. 7—*Washington*—A. D. Eldred, W. M., and Rep. J. W.; Theron Hamilton, S. W. and Rep.
- No. 8—*Trenton*—A. McIlhinney, W. M.; H. Saunders, S. W.; Rev. D. C. Jacokes, Rep. J. W.
- No. 9—*Evergreen*—A. J. Cummings, Rep. of W. M.; John Clark, Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 10—*Dowagiac*—W. H. Campbell, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 11—*Pine Grove*—E. W. Harris, W. M.; O. D. Conger, Rep. J. W.; Moses Frank, S. W.
- No. 12—*Battle Creek*—E. Sprague, Rep. W. M.; George Beard, S. W.; L. L. Livingston, Rep. J. W.
- No. 13—*Phoenix*—E. Bogardus, W. M.; D. Edwards, S. W.; E. C. Jenner, J. W.; J. G. Brown, L. P. M.
- No. 14—*Murat*—F. W. Sheldon, W. M., and Rep. J. W.; C. C. Lane, S. W.
- No. 16—*Lafayette*—G. O. Monroe, W. M. and P. G. M.; E. J. Hodges, S. W.; Rev. L. H. Corson, J. W.
- No. 17—*Jackson*—B. Porter, W. M.; David Keeler, S. W.; E. M. Aldrich, Rep. J. W.; J. B. Tomlinson, L. P. M.
- No. 18—*Tyre*—O. C. Graham, Rep. W. M.; A. L. Lyttle, S. W.; D. Bovee, J. W.

- No. 19—*Adrian*—W. F. King, W. M.; G. H. Miller, S. W.; O. F. Gregory, Rep. of J. W.
- No. 20—*St. Albans*—H. A. Tillotson, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 21—*Pontiac*—F. Darrow, W. M., and P. G. M.; John P. Foster, S. W.; H. N. Smith, J. W.
- No. 22—*Kalamazoo*—George A. Fitch, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 23—*Flint*—Hon. W. M. Fenton, P. G. M.; John B. Hamilton, Rep. of Lodge; W. Clark, L. P. M.
- No. 24—*Mt. Hermon*—James J. Dressler, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 25—*Paw Paw*—O. C. Simmons, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 26—*Mason*—D. R. Stroud, W. M.; J. M. Wood, Rep. S. W.; C. E. Ames, J. W.
- No. 27—*Monroe*—A. Grant, Rep. of W. M.
- No. 28—*Union*—A. B. Aiken, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 30—*Concord*—A. J. Paddock, W. M.; A. W. Reynolds, S. W.; G. A. Stahley, J. W.; W. H. Keeler, L. P. M.
- No. 31—*Portland*—M. B. Beers, W. M.; J. S. Perrigo, S. W.; Geo. Hill, Jr., J. W.
- No. 32—*Fidelity*—H. T. Farnum, W. M.; W. B. Wilson, Rep. S. W.; W. S. Edwards, Rep. J. W.
- No. 33—*Lansing*—Joseph P. Cowles, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 34—*Grand River*—L. A. Rogers, L. P. M., and Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; C. J. Kruger, J. W.
- No. 35—*Siloam*—T. J. Green, W. M.; S. C. Coffinbury, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 36—*Ionia*—Willard B. Wells, W. M.; Peter B. Haight, S. W.; A. W. Kimbal, J. W.
- No. 37—*Lyons*—William Holstead, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 38—*Howell*—Mylo L. Gay, W. M.; A. Burk, J. W.; W. C. Rumsey, Rep. S. W.
- No. 39—*Western Star*—Joshua Feather, Sen., Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 40—*Franklin*—W. R. Traver, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 41—*Romeo*—S. W. Belles, W. M.
- No. 44—*Birmingham*—A. Partridge, W. M.; B. Beardsley, Rep. S. W.; John Bodine, Rep. J. W.
- No. 46—*Orion*—W. E. Littell, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 47—*Plymouth Rock*—C. R. Kellogg, W. M.; Henry Tuttle, S. W.; John Manning, Rep. of J. W.

- No. 48—*Austin*—B. Coggeshall, W. M.; Allen Campbell, S. W.; W. Van Stenhuigh, Rep. J. W.; D. A. Wright, L. P. M.
- No. 49—*Meridian Sea*—H. Dunn, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 50—*Michigan*—J. L. Mitchell, W. M.; C. Warriner, S. W.; H. F. Knapp, J. W.; O. H. McConnell, L. P. M.
- No. 51—*Almont*—D. C. Hallock, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 52—*Hastings*—Daniel Striker, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 54—*Lapeer*—H. K. White, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 55—*Backus*—E. B. Sherman, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 56—*Occidental*—W. Earl, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 57—*Three Rivers*—D. M. Bateman, W. M., and Rep. J. W.; John Cowling, Rep. S. W.
- No. 58—*Port Huron*—J. L. Newell, W. M.; G. H. Potter, S. W.; W. T. Mitchell, Rep. J. W.; F. L. Wells, L. P. M.
- No. 59—*Climax*—C. W. Eldred, Rep. of Lodge; H. Arnold, L. P. M.
- No. 60—*Cedar*—N. B. Smith, W. M.; S. N. Snell, S. W.; H. T. Hirsh, J. W.
- No. 61—*Lexington*—A. M. Clark, W. M., and Rep. S. W.; W. T. Jenny, J. W.
- No. 62—*S. Ward*—B. S. Horton, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 63—*Eaton Rapids*—Thos. S. S. Havens, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 64—*Macomb*—Chas. Bennett, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 65—*Washtenaw*—G. H. Lyon, W. M.; A. D. Crane, S. W.; A. J. Sawyer, Rep. J. W.; F. Carlyle, L. P. M.
- No. 66—*Capitol of S. O.*—E. E. Beebe, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 67—*Ontonagon*—J. B. Wayne, Rep.
- No. 68—*Buchanan*—A. C. Bartlett, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 69—*Tecumseh*—P. J. Van Vleet, W. M.; D. Woodward, S. W.; L. Lilley, L. P. M.
- No. 70—*Mason*—J. H. Sayers, W. M.; E. Peck, S. W.; P. Henderson, J. W.
- No. 73—*Colon*—M. W. Alfred, W. M.; A. J. Kinne, S. W., and Rep. of J. W.
- No. 74—*Dundee*—H. Watling, W. M.; D. F. Wilcox, S. W.
- No. 75—*Utica*—Wm. P. Wells, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 76—*Livingston*—C. L. Farnham, S. W., and Rep. of W. M.; F. G. Ross, J. W.

- No. 77—*Saginaw*—Justus W. Toms, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 78—*Otsego*—O. Eaton, L. P. M.
 No. 79—*Germania*—W. McBratney, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 80—*Byron*—B. Bostwick, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 81—*Owosso*—Henry Knill, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 82—*Lake St. Clair*—R. H. Kern, W. M.; F. Berger, S. W.;
 T. Donahue, Rep. of J. W.; H. G. Blanchard, L. P. M.
 No. 83—*Bellevue*—M. S. Brackett, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 84—*Oxford*—G. S. Pierce, W. M.; P. T. Norris, S. W., and
 Rep. of J. W.
 No. 85—*Ann Arbor*—J. N. Gott, W. M.; B. F. Watts, S. W.; P.
 Wall, J. W.
 No. 86—*Valley City*—W. K. Wheeler, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 89—*Myrtle*—E. R. Thornton, Rep. S. W.; L. J. Ford, W. M.;
 M. R. Strong, Rep. J. W.
 No. 90—*Lowell*—Thos. Daniels, L. P. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 91—*Ashlar*—R. Bullman, W. M.; J. A. Barns, S. W.; R.
 Rowland, J. W.
 No. 92—*Prairie*—A. B. Sumner, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 93—*Star*—Samuel S. Hinkle, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 94—*Charity*—Wm. Walker, W. M.; J. W. Shearer, S. W.; M.
 C. Fechheimer, J. W.; J. P. Whiting, L. P. M.
 No. 95—*J. Moore's*—Geo. W. Kinney, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 96—*Greenville*—Wm. Nearsted, Jr., S. W., and Rep. of W. M.
 and J. W.
 No. 97—*Niles*—Joel Loomis, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 98—*Waterford*—F. W. Fifield, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 99—*Decatur*—H. Canoll, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 100—*Oakwood*—Solon Cooley, W. M.; L. Fitch, Rep. S. W.;
 J. W. Pelton, J. W.
 No. 102—*Blanchard*—James J. Russell, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge;
 W. Corbin, L. P. M.
 No. 103—*Greenly*—W. L. Mills, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 104—*White Pigeon*—W. W. Bronson, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 105—*St. Johns*—H. Cooke, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 106—*St. Peters*—A. S. Cook, W. M.; J. B. Thomas, S. W.; S.
 L. Beardsley, J. W.
 No. 107—*Eureka*—H. S. Noble, J. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 108—*Rockland*—J. B. Wayne, Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 109—*Fentonville*—D. Burrows, W. M.; Wm. Dunham, S. W.; Asa Reynolds, J. W.; D. H. Baker, L. P. M.
- No. 110—*Hiram*—W. H. Lawrence, Rep. W. M.; W. W. Lobdell, Rep. S. W.; W. A. Chamberlin, Rep. J. W.
- No. 111—*Allegan*—R. S. Updyke, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 112—*Wayne*—B. Hodgkinson, L. P. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 113—*Hamilton*—John H. Clow, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 114—*Blissfield*—Wm. M. Corbett, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 115—*Corunna*—S. B. Reynale, W. M.; Jos. Ireland, S. W.; R. McLaughlin, J. W.; H. McCurdy, L. P. M.
- No. 116—*Ecclesior*—L. M. Powell, W. M.; D. W. Pease, S. W.; E. P. Crofts, J. W.
- No. 117—*Reading*—C. A. Strong, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 118—*Schoolcraft*—John Struble, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 119—*Rising Sun*—B. F. Chadwick, L. P. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 121—*Commerce*—T. A. Smith, W. M.; O. Evans, S. W.; R. H. Smith, J. W.
- No. 122—*Ottawa*—Geo. Eastman, J. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 123—*Ithica*—Elijah Peck, W. M., and Rep. S. W.; David Bailey, J. W.
- No. 124—*Eagle*—Wm. Shaw, W. M., and Rep. J. W.; W. Byrns, Rep. S. W.
- No. 125—*Fairfield*—Isaiah Lowe, Rep. of W. M. and J. W.
- No. 126—*Forrest*—O. Dodge, W. M.; Wm. B. Preston, Rep. S. W.; D. P. Denton, Rep. J. W.
- No. 127—*Ovid*—John A. Potter, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 128—*Ypsilanti*—W. Babcock, W. M.; P. Ferrier, S. W.; C. Tisdale, J. W.
- No. 129—*Bay City*—N. B. Bradley, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 130—*Stockbridge*—C. G. Cool, W. M., and Rep. of J. W.; J. F. Vansyckel, S. W.
- No. 131—*Newaygo*—John H. Simmons, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 132—*Linden*—J. B. Hyatt, W. M.; A. H. Beach, S. W.; Geo. Murray, J. W.
- No. 133—*Saline*—E. B. Clark, W. M., and Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 134—*Holly*—A. P. Waldo, J. W.; C. M. Havens, Rep. S. W.; J. E. Davis, L. P. M.
- No. 135—*Quincy*—S. Blanchard, Rep.
- No. 136—*Pokagon*—J. A. Shingledecker, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.

- 137—*Mendon*—John S. Weeks, Rep. of Lodge.
 139—*Grand Haven*—Chas. J. Pagelson, Rep. J. W.; George O. Hubbard, W. M., and Rep. of S. W.
 140—*Muskegon*—Benj. L. Piper, Rep. of Lodge.
 141—*Mystic*—C. R. Garrison, Rep. of Lodge.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in the following form.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from order to refreshment, until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons, in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN:

It is a beautiful feature of our ancient Order, that we assemble annually, to thank the Giver of all Good for His continued blessings; to exchange friendly greetings; to promote harmony; to correct errors; to preserve our landmarks, and to see that the Fraternity receive no detriment. It is no less my pleasure than my duty, to congratulate you on this return of our Grand Convocation, and to

say that within this jurisdiction, Masonry has, during the past year, continued, in the main, in the performance of its appropriate duties, in the exercise of brotherly love, relief and truth. In the midst of this rebellion, at once the most gigantic and the most atrocious the world has known, I am happy to be enabled to say that peace, prosperity, harmony and activity, dwell within this jurisdiction.

CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGES.

Immediately after the close of the last Convocation of the Grand Lodge, the due organization of the newly chartered Lodges received my attention.

On the 22d of January, I consecrated and constituted Mendon Lodge, No. 137, and installed the officers.

In the other cases, similar offices were performed by my proxies.

On the evening of the 31st of January, Port Hope Lodge, No. 138, was duly consecrated and constituted, and its officers installed, by Br. A. M. CLARK, W. M., of Lexington Lodge, No. 61.

On the same day, Mystic Lodge, No. 141, was duly consecrated and constituted, and its officers installed, by P. M. PHILIP ROWDEN.

Grand Haven Lodge, No. 139, and Muskegon Lodge, No. 140, the former on the 12th, and the latter on the 18th February, were duly consecrated and constituted, and their officers installed, by the R. W. D. G. M., LOVELL MOORE.

As Bro. MOORE reported to me, "the ceremonies were in public, and he delivered addresses prepared for the occasion."

SUPPORT OF A MASONIC CHAPLAIN.

In February, I received a letter from the G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Bro. J. N. McJILTON, under date of Jan. 24th, showing the importance, to sick and wounded Master Masons, in hospitals and camps near the battle-fields in the vicinity of Washington, of the ministrations of a spiritual adviser, who is a Master Mason. He proposed to sustain such adviser by a contribution of fifty dollars by each of the Grand Lodges. The letter of Bro. McJILTON is herewith submitted.

In response, I expressed to him the opinion, as several Michigan regiments had done honorable service in the battle-fields near Wash-

on, that the Grand Lodge of Michigan would contribute the needed sum. Whether such spiritual adviser was employed, I am informed.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

During the year, I have granted dispensations for nine new ones, as follows:

March 19, Russell Lodge, at Bedford, Monroe county. Bro. GEORGE KIRKLAND, W. M.; Bro. CHAS. MALLET, S. W., and Bro. R. LIBBY, J. W.

July 23, Harmony Lodge, at Burk's Corners, Macomb county. HENRY B. CHURCH, W. M.; Bro. JOSEPH A. INGRAHAM, S. W.; Bro. ELIHU GRANGER, J. W.

August 8, Boston Lodge, at Saranac, Ionia county. Bro. WILLIAM DOWLMAN, W. M.; Bro. ELIJAH PRATT, S. W.; and Bro. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, J. W.

September 12, Warren Lodge, at Hudson, Lenawee county. BENJAMIN J. THAYER, W. M.; Bro. THOMAS W. PALMER, S. W.; Bro. CHESTER R. LYON, J. W.

October 15, Maple Rapids Lodge, at Essex, Clinton county. MARTIN V. BROWN, W. M.; Bro. GEORGE HERRENDAN, S. W.; Bro. ISAAC HEWITT, J. W.

And as of the same date, Farmington Lodge, at Farmington, land county. Bro. OLIVER B. SMITH, W. M.; Bro. H. H. JACKSON, S. W.; and Bro. B. WIEDRICK, J. W.

Redford Lodge, at Redford, Wayne county. Bro. JULIUS Z. T. MILLER, W. M.; Bro. JAMES MCKINNEY, S. W.; Bro. G. M. T. MILLER, J. W.

Dryden Lodge, at Dryden. N. B. ELDRIDGE, W. M.

United Lodge, at Cooper, Kalamazoo county. Bro. ERASTUS GLEN, W. M.; Bro. EDMUND S. WICKS, S. W.; and Bro. LAFAYETTE HART, J. W.

It was only after careful consideration, and a full compliance with the forms required by the constitution and edicts, that the dispensations were issued in the said several cases.

DISPENSATIONS FOR DEGREES.

With various duties devolving on me, I have not been enabled to visit many of these, or other Lodges. Still, in endeavoring to

perform my duty toward the Craft, I have not been unemployed. In the several modes in which my action has been necessary, I have written about four hundred communications.

During the year, I have granted dispensations to various Lodges to confer degrees upon one hundred and thirty-three candidates. In so doing, I have restricted the dispensations, in every instance, to the permission of a shorter time to act than the general rule provides, requiring the Lodges to conform in all other things to the prescribed forms. These applications have been made, in all but very few instances, in behalf of officers and soldiers of our regiment in the service of the country, at home on short furloughs, or about to enter the service. In ordinary times, the issue of so large a number of dispensations, would indicate something wrong, either in the fact, or in Masonic law. The case is extraordinary, as is the state of the country. My act can become no precedent for the future because no such state of things can recur. Early in the year, I observed the tendencies in this direction, and endeavored to guide myself by such rule as the case seemed to require. We have been taught that Masonry was lovely in peace, and that it also had power to assuage the horrors of war, and help humanity triumph over passion. The intelligent and patriotic men who have put their lives in their hands, to help subdue the rebellion, and so restore peace, have observed a ray of light shining brightly over the excitements, the triumphs, the miseries of the battle-field. They have discovered what to them was the discovery of a new world, that this ray was the light of Masonry. Having made this discovery, they have desired to obtain that light. And toward whom could an act of favor be more worthily extended? I have deemed all these cases of emergency, and have acted accordingly. I present herewith a list of the names of Lodges making the request, the names of the petitioning candidates, and their military position, so far as stated to me in the several applications, together with the date of the dispensations, respectively. In one case, I granted a dispensation to confer the E. A. degree on a petitioner not quite twenty-one years of age. On examination, I found, to my surprise, no law or landmark against it. Within several Grand Jurisdictions, there is a departure from the rule making twenty-one years the "lawful age" for initiation.

the Grand Orient of France, the son of a Mason, if he has served the army six months, may be initiated at eighteen. In the case before me, the petitioner had enlisted as a private in a cavalry regiment, and fought his way, through several battles, to a lieutenancy. I thought he had proved himself of lawful age, and that he came well recommended. Still, I may have erred, brethren, in granting dispensation at all. If so, your disapproval will guard my successor against its repetition.

DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALLS.

On the 29th of December, I had the pleasure of dedicating a new Masonic Hall, erected with great enterprise and public spirit, by the brethren of Lafayette Lodge, No. 16, at Jonesville. It is one of the most beautiful Lodge rooms I have seen in this jurisdiction. The ceremonies of dedication were public, and a large assemblage of brethren and gentlemen were in attendance. We have no doubt the excellence of the Masonic work of our brethren of Jonesville, as well as their public spirit, will continue to be worthy of emulation. Other Masonic halls have been dedicated by my proxies during the year, in cases where it was impossible for me to attend, the ceremonies not having been subsequently reported to me.

QUESTIONS ON MASONIC LAW.

Among my duties, have been answers to many questions on Masonic Law. Most of these required prompt action. Some have involved labor in investigation, and have been found embarrassed by conflicting decisions. As to such, I can hardly hope that I have entirely escaped error. I have not, however, drawn up any compilation of my rulings, to be presented here, believing that any material error I may have committed, would be brought up for correction by this Grand Lodge. Many questions have come before me of different character, and upon which there ought to have been no doubt. My brethren, permit me to say, let all Masters and Wardens of Lodges read with care the constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge, the ancient constitutions and landmarks of the Order, and let them at hand some good work on Masonic Jurisprudence. Do this, and a very large part of the questions daily coming up for decision, will resolve themselves. I recommend that a rule be adopted

requiring the constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge to be read in each subordinate Lodge at least once a year.

IRREGULARITIES.

While, as I have before stated, a condition of quiet activity and prosperity has prevailed with us, yet I am informed that some irregularities have crept in. With the best intention, doubtless, to conform to our edicts, yet the work in a few Lodges deviates somewhat from the standard adopted. If the Grand Lodge think proper to refer this subject, the Grand Visitor and Lecturer will furnish such information to a committee, as will enable the Grand Lodge to judge whether any action may be needful in the premises.

HURRYING CANDIDATES THROUGH.

In many cases, the degrees are conferred in too rapid succession and before the candidate can possibly have acquired such proficiency as the spirit of Masonry requires. A practical construction of our constitution has arisen, which permits the degrees to follow each other without any specific interval of time between them, provided only, the candidate passes what is deemed to be a satisfactory examination. I suggest an inquiry, whether the good of the Craft does not require a restriction upon this practice.

PETITIONS AFTER REJECTION.

The question, how soon after the rejection of a candidate, may he again present, to the same Lodge, his petition for initiation or promotion, I do not find settled in this jurisdiction.

Complaint has been made to me by some of our Lodges, that applicants for the honors of Masonry, rejected by them, have been made Masons in other jurisdictions, while temporarily stationed there in the military service, and without asking the assent of our Lodges.

INTEMPERANCE.

Perhaps it will be well for us, brethren, to bear in mind the guards placed by the constitution of the Grand Lodge against intemperance. This evil may be said to be always present, always insidious in its approaches, difficult to eradicate, ruinous to its victims, disgraceful to our Order, and much easier to prevent than to cure. It calls for our active vigilance, our sternest rebuke, when persevered

, and our tenderest brotherly love toward those subject to censure,
at willing to reform.

MILITARY LODGES.

It has been intimated to me that application will be made to
this Grand Lodge for the institution of Military Lodges. Whether
the considerations in favor of so doing are outweighed by the objec-
tions, whether questions of conflict of jurisdiction, or the dangers of
imprudent actions by such Lodges, might render such charters
expedient, are questions which will, I doubt not, receive the care-
ful and candid attention of the Grand Lodge.

THE RITUAL.

The correctness of the peculiar esoteric work of Masonry has
ever been a matter of earnest inquiry and of action among Masons.
An institution founded indeed in the Scriptures of Divine Truth,
at whose rites and ceremonies stand upon the tradition of thirty
centuries—whose peculiarities are written, not upon paper, or brass,
or marble, but upon the living heart, and carried from heart to
heart through all lands, through all generations, must, in the nature
of things, partake somewhat of human weaknesses and ignorances,
and tend to some divergencies of form. All ordinary human insti-
tutions, with all the aids of writing, printing and exact science,
incessantly change with changing circumstances. It is the wonder-
ful feature of ours, preserved alone through tradition, that it has
maintained a substantial uniformity, independent of race, of language,
of religion, of time and of place. This is in no small degree due
to that anxiety, ever present with all good Masons, to seek and to
adhere to the ancient landmarks. As did the men who built the
first Temple, so do we. Time and circumstance begin to work a
separation here and there. Masonry, true to her origin, to her prin-
ciples, says, "return;" and behold, we return. Thus has Masonry
ever done; thus will she ever do. As all this is done in the strictest
uniformity with its innermost spirit, so too, it is done with the most
perfect harmony. As, when the Temple was erected, every piece fitted
with such exact nicety that it was unnecessary to use any tool of iron;
and, in repairing what time may displace, this, too, is ever done with-
out a jar, without a discord, every heart attuned to the restored
perfection, every voice responding, "so mote it be."

In this spirit Masonry has lived and flourished. In this spirit many convocations of skillful and illustrious Masons have assembled with the concurrence and approbation of all the Craftsmen, in other countries as well as our own, and after the fullest deliberation, have presented work to the Craftsmen which has been duly approved as good work—square work—and been fitly placed for use and ornament in the Temple. Such was the case of that convention of eminent and trusty workmen who met at Baltimore, May 8th, 1843. It contained delegates from fourteen Grand Lodges, and, as advisers, many other distinguished brethren. It agreed on a system of work, lectures and ceremonies, which was adopted by many Grand Lodges, and met the warm approval of the great body of the Craft. It has continued to this day as the prevailing work, and may justly be denominated “national.” It was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, by an edict passed January 9th, 1845.

The work thus adopted has continued to this moment to be the work taught by all the Grand Lecturers of this Grand Lodge, and practiced by all the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction. Much time and expense have been devoted to its acquirement and dissemination. It has proved entirely acceptable to the Craft, and they have felt that it has been to them the true vestibule of the Temple, and obtained for them everywhere the name of skillful and accomplished workmen. So far as I have been enabled to judge, their confidence in its merits remains undiminished; and if they shall happily transmit it undimmed to their successors, they believe that their labor will not have been unrewarded.

In the above remarks, I have by no means intended to resist all emendation. I have, on the contrary, endeavored to suggest the true spirit, and the true methods by which all possible emendation may be effected.

Recent events in our cherished Order have induced this recurrence to first principles, and to historic facts. It may not be amiss in a very cursory examination of such recent events, to compare them in spirit and in method with the past. It may be that such comparison will aid us in judging of what is passing around us.

My brethren, you perceive that I allude to what calls itself “conservatism.” It assumes to aim at the correction of the ritual,

Does it proceed by methods known and approved by our brethren of all ages before us, or by means unknown to our landmarks? Has it originated from the body of Masonry upon common consultation for the common good, or has it sprung from the ingenuity of some man? Has it sought the light, or has it avoided the light? Has it addressed itself *openly* to the Craft, or proceeded by mysterious and secret steps? Are its objects *frankly* stated, or are they veiled with the precautions of a military movement? Are its aims *all* made known at the beginning, or are they disclosed step by step, as it moves onward? Does it address itself to *all the Craft* confidently, or does it attempt to gain over here and there one? Is there a secret association of Master Masons within the body of Master Masons, designed to control, in a vital point, the action of the entire body of the Craftsmen? Does it treat that body with respect? Is it ruled by the law of kindness and brotherly love? Is it "first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy?" Has it come up to aid in the great and glorious undertaking of rebuilding the Temple, without fee or reward? Has it brought a staff or a sword? These promiscuous questions are suggested by the developments of "conservatism" in many of our sister jurisdictions. It has, in several of them, proved disastrous, and been regarded as treasonable to the institution of Masonry, and subversive of its ancient and cardinal principles. Severe penalties have been imposed upon those who adhere to it, and other prohibitive measures adopted. I refer to proceedings in the Grand Lodges, and the Grand Officers of Missouri, Colorado and Illinois, and submit herewith circular letters received from their respective Grand Secretaries.

Brethren, is a tree known by its fruit? Is it expedient to transplant to the soil of Michigan this tree? If it has appeared to us in this jurisdiction as "a tree good for food and pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise," may not the taste of its fruit to others, help to open their eyes to its true character? If others have unwittingly tasted such fruit, we may profit thereby.

Brethren, it is now most earnestly submitted to you, that any thing which leads to such results is not, cannot be, Masonry. While we all desire to correct our ritual when proved to be wrong, in this, as in all things, let us pursue the object in the spirit, and by the methods followed by all good Masons—openly, frankly, deliberately and harmoniously. Then all will be well. Your able Committee of Nine, selected with great care at the last annual communication to examine the question of a change in the work, are expected to make their report. The whole subject will therefore come before you for examination and decision, and I have no doubt will meet, as its great importance demands, your earnest and fullest consideration. I desire to add one other remark. Whatever conclusion the Grand Lodge may arrive at, after due reflection, let *that* conclusion be cheerfully sustained by every Mason in Michigan. If any have been misled, let a simple admission of the fact bring back that brother to our embrace with redoubled ties of affection. Let us remain in all time coming, as we have been in all time past—one in spirit, one in our aims, one in brotherly love.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

On Grievances—Bros. JOHN N. GOTT, R. P. ELDRIDGE, and JOSEPH P. WHITING.

On Examination—Bros. A. PARTRIDGE, A. B. CUDWORTH, and O. D. CONGER.

On Accounts—Bros. GEO. C. MONROE, P. G. M., — LOOMIS, and FRED. CARLYSLE.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros. GRAND SECRETARY, E. LEFAVOUR, and — GREEN.

On motion, the address of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, to divide and refer it to appropriate committees. Bros. WM. WALKER, REV. L. H. CORSON, and O. B. DIBBLE were appointed such committee.

Pursuant to a motion to that effect, the M. W. Grand Master appointed a Special Committee on Masonic Law, to consist of Bros. S. C. COFFINBURY, JAMES FENTON, and O. D. CONGER.

On motion, the report of the Special Committee of Nine, appointed at the last session, on the subject of "a change in the work of the Order," be made the special order for 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The complaints of St. Alban's Lodge, 20, *vs.* Mount Clemens Lodge, 6, and Valley City Lodge, 86, *vs.* Saginaw Lodge, 77, were presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence then made the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be spread in the minutes.

R E P O R T.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, printed copies of the proceedings of our last communication have been mailed to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with us far as it was practicable. We have received the proceedings of twenty-two corresponding Grand Lodges, of whose doings we proceed to give a concise summary, that the Masons of this jurisdiction may be informed of the action had and the views entered by our Sister Grand Lodges on Masonic questions of common interest. By such information being spread, any attempts at innovation or any tendency to remove the ancient landmarks, may be noted and guarded against, a duty which every Grand Lodge owes, not only to itself, but to the great institution of which we are a part:

C A N A D A.

The Grand Lodge met in July, 1863, at Montreal. Grand Master BRINGTON pays a suitable tribute of respect to the memory of M. W. Sir JAMES NAPIER McNAB, who departed this life August 8th, 1863, "*much regretted*." He represents the general condition of the craft to be prosperous and satisfactory, with a steady increase in lodges and members. He states himself happy in reporting their difficulty with the Grand Lodge of England may be said to be at an end, and the very best feelings of amity exist, and they have mutually appointed representatives at each of the Grand Lodges. A suitable testimonial was presented to P. G. M. Wm. WILSON; it was presented cordially, and they take great pleasure in describing it, viz: an elegant carved oak case, containing complete silver sets

for breakfast, dinner and tea, valued to cost, with the engraving, eight hundred and eighty-five dollars and sixty-five cents.

M. W. T. DOUGLAS HERRINGTON and R. W. THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, Grand Master and Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

CALIFORNIA

Held its annual session in May, 1862. Nearly all their lodges have adopted the uniform code of by-laws recommended to them in 1856. During the year, nine dispensations for new lodges have been granted—three of them in Nevada Territory. Three others were denied. Two applications were made for military lodges in California regiments on service out of the State. These the Grand Master declined to consider, on the ground that their constitution left the Grand Master no discretion, and if it did, the establishment of such lodges seemed to him of doubtful utility. Grand Master BELCHER, from whose address the above is taken, announces the craft to be prosperous and harmonious throughout the jurisdiction.

A Mason dying while under suspension for n. p. d., it was asked whether his dues might not be paid by others, so that he might have a Masonic burial, it was answered by the Committee on Jurisprudence that a suspended Mason dying, under that sentence, cannot be restored by any action subsequent to his death.

We are particularly struck with the unusually large number of able and lengthy reports of various committees, the subject matter of which, however, being of a local character, involving questions of fact and construction of their by-laws, require no extended notice at our hands.

BRO. THOS. STARR KING, Grand Orator, delivered his annual address—of polished and ornamental workmanship. To quote a paragraph would be like breaking off a piece from a Corinthian capital for a specimen of architecture.

Grand Master WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, and Grand Secretary ALEX. G. ABELL, were each re-elected.

COLORADO.

The annual communication was held at Central City, in November, 1862.

BRO. ALLYN WESTON was elected Grand Master, and O. A. WHITMORE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

In our last report we quoted from their proceedings the statement of their bright prospect in the future, if they were temperate, discreet and vigilant. We now receive from them a circular sent in advance of the publication of their proceedings at the annual session, in November, 1863, and, as might have been predicted in advance, is a practical illustration of their discretion and vigilance, and a proof that the best interest of our institution is in good hands in Colorado. The subject matter of the "Cir-

ular" is the "Conservators' Association," the spirit of it may be judged by the fourth resolution:

"That hereafter no Grand Officer, and no officer of any subordinate Lodge, shall be installed until he shall have made a solemn pledge, in open Lodge, that on his honor as a Mason he repudiates and condemns the said association."

H. M. TELLER, of Central City, was elected Grand Master, and O. J. WHITTEMORE, of Denver City, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have received from this Grand Lodge the proceedings for the year 1861, also for the year 1862. They met in special communication in February, 1862, Grand Master STANSBURY says, for the purpose of considering a petition from ten Masons, vouched for as worthy, praying for a dispensation to form a new Lodge in the city of Alexandria, Va. It was presented that no Lodge was working there, and no Charter could be issued; it was also stated that the Grand Lodge of Virginia forbids those working under its jurisdiction to recognize or hold Masonic intercourse with Masons who adhere to their allegiance to the Union. This seems to have been from common rumor, not from official proof. The G. M., at this time, says he had not formed a decided opinion. They met again on February 15th, when, the G. M. says, the more he reflects the more he is convinced of the duty of granting the petition. His reasons, in brief, are—that for a Grand Lodge to warrant Lodges outside of its geographical jurisdiction is not, necessarily, an act of usurpation. In Masonry, as in civil life, we have to recognize facts as they are—the government *de facto* is what we must respect. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia originally held jurisdiction over the Masons of Alexandria; it never formally resigned it, but tacitly admitted that it was transferred to the Grand Lodge of Virginia by the act of the Federal government in retroceding that portion of the District of Columbia to Virginia. That act took away their jurisdiction. A subsequent act of the Federal government recognizes another government, loyal to itself and quite exceptional, regular and provisional, in its stead.

P. G. M. B. B. FRENCH had his doubts, but having ascertained precisely what action the Grand Lodge of Virginia had taken, he did not hesitate a moment to counsel the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to authorize their Grand Master to issue the dispensation, and after a temperate discussion," which extended over two evenings, by a vote of 19 to 1, it advised the granting of the dispensation, which was done. At the annual meeting in November, 1862, Union Lodge, U. D., Alexandria, Va., returned their dispensation, with a statement of work done, and asked a continuance until the next annual communication, which was granted by a vote of Lodges, 28 ayes to 18 nays.

Your committee have had no further advices respecting the matter; the subject involves questions of fact, which, at present, are not to be ar-

rived at officially. They, therefore, deem it proper to defer any comment upon the facts as thus briefly set forth.

DELAWARE.

From this Grand Lodge we have a pamphlet of fifty-two pages, containing their proceedings at sessions "held at Wilmington, in June, 1860, December, 1860, January, 1861, October, 1861, January, 1862, and June, 1862," and names of the members of each of their twenty Lodges. The proceedings at these several meetings were wholly of a local character.

Bro. ALLEN V. LESLEY, M. D., was elected Grand Master, and BENJ. N. OGLE, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for 1862, reached us but a short time ago. The delay in the publication arose from questions arising between the M. W. Grand Master, F. M. BLAIR and R. W. H. G. REYNOLDS, Grand Secretary, respecting the propriety of inserting certain action had or proposed, in the matter of the Conservators' Association,—in view of which Bro. D. W. THOMPSON, and sixty-one other Conservators, signed and presented to the Grand Lodge a "renunciation," in which they set forth "that as it appears the continuance of said association would have the effect to create confusion and discord among the brethren, we do hereby withdraw from said association, and do declare it dissolved." This appears on the last page, and headed "additional proceedings." It was presented October 8th, 1862. On the 1st November, less than a month after this solemn renunciation, Bro. D. W. THOMPSON issued a circular, headed "Confidential," to his brother conservators, setting forth that, "for the sake of peace and harmony the conservators did withdraw from and dissolve the Conservators' Association of the State of Illinois * * * * The Grand Master has authorized me, by written authority, to instruct *this ritual* all Lodges desirous of my services. Such being the facts, it is hoped and expected that you will not only see that the Webb-work practiced in your Lodge, but so far as you can honorably influence them in every Lodge in your vicinity. *The dissolution of our connection with the Association does not affect our obligations to each other*, and the documents in your hand still remain subject to the conditions on which you received them.

"The *Voice of Masonry* will continue to be, as heretofore, the advocate of uniformity. Its issues have been delayed in consequence of Brother MORRIS' time being occupied in military duties; arrangements have been made to supply the deficiency, and it will hereafter appear promptly.

"I remain, fraternally, yours in sacred bonds,

D. W. THOMPSON."

The session for 1863 was held last October. The proceedings have

not yet been published, but we have the following edict, issued by Grand Master THOS. J. TURNER, November 20th, 1863.

R. W. HARMON G. REYNOLDS was re-elected.

FROM THE EAST OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
A. F. & A. MASONS.

FREEPORT, Ill., Nov. 20, A. D. 1863, A. L. 5863.

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Constituent Lodges
of A. F. & A. Masons of the State of Illinois:

DEAR BRETHREN:

At the late Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was adopted requiring that copies of certain resolutions be sent to the Lodges for their information and government. Having taken time to ascertain the wishes of our brethren and to receive and consider their views, it seems proper that I should address you upon the subject matter of said resolutions, and mark out and define the course to be pursued in advancing and protecting the interests of Masonry in Illinois.

FIRST—NOTES AND KEYS.

Upon the subject of notes and keys, the Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution nearly unanimously:

"Resolved, That the having in possession, within this jurisdiction, of notes and keys, written or printed, containing or purporting to contain the work and lectures of the first three degrees of Masonry, or any part thereof, meets with the unqualified disapprobation of this Grand Lodge, and should subject all those offending in this regard to expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry."

The above resolution covers all mnemonics, notes, keys, cypher, excerpts, and characters of every kind whatever, written or printed, in any use pertaining to the first three degrees of Masonry; and all Brethren and Lodges, owing allegiance to the said Grand Lodge of Illinois, having mnemonics, notes, keys, cypher, excerpts, or characters in possession, are hereby ordered to instantly destroy them, or to forward them to me under seal.

And I require all Brethren who have any knowledge that any Brother is in possession of any mnemonics, notes, cypher, keys, characters or excerpts as aforesaid, to prefer, or cause to be preferred, (unless the same be immediately destroyed,) charges against the Brother so offending, and prosecute the same, and upon conviction thereof, I enjoin upon the Lodges to expel every Brother so convicted.

And I further enjoin upon every Mason in Illinois, to give me full and immediate information of the use or possession of mnemonics, notes, keys, cypher, excerpts or characters aforesaid, by any Lodge in Illinois.

SECOND—WORK AND LECTURES.

Upon the subject of the Work and Lectures of Masonry, the Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the old established work of this Grand Lodge, as ordered to be taught by the Grand Lodge, and as taught by Grand Lecturers JOHN BARNET, JAS. H. ROY, CARLING JACKSON and WM. A. DICKEY, is affirmed as the regularly established work of this Grand Lodge, and all other forms of work and lectures are hereby prohibited."

The Grand Lodge having reaffirmed its work, uniformity and harmony therein, is exceedingly desirable, and the Grand Lodge having emphatically prohibited any other work, it now becomes indispensable for every Lodge and every Mason to acquire said work, and discard all others *at once*. Obedience to the requirements and edicts of the Grand Lodge is a Landmark, and one of the highest Masonic duties.

In order that the Lodges and Brethren may acquire the proper work and lectures, I have appointed the following Brethren as Grand Lecturers

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There are no Districts formed, and will not be, but the foregoing Lecturers are authorized to lecture any Brethren or Lodge desiring their services.

[In this list is PAUL B. RING, who, in 1845, was a member of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and then voted to adopt the Baltimore work. We received a letter from him lately, saying that the work of Illinois was literally the same as that of Michigan.]

THIRD—CONSERVATORS' ASSOCIATION.

Among other resolutions, the Grand Lodge adopted the following :

Resolved, That no Mason subject or adhering to said Association (Conservators' Association) shall be allowed to sit in or visit this Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodges thereunder, or hold affiliation with, or be recognized by, any Mason in this jurisdiction, until he shall have solemnly, and in open Lodge, recanted all connection with said Association and its teachings, objects and designs."

Most of the troubles in Illinois, for the past three years, have arisen from the introduction of the Conservators' Association among our Lodges. The Grand Lodge having, in the most emphatic and unmistakable language, declared the said Association to be treasonable, and interdicted all communication with it, or its members; I do therefore enjoin upon all Lodges and Brethren to yield a cheerful and ready compliance with the will of the Grand Lodge, in letter and spirit, and to neither have, hold or encourage any Masonic intercourse, affiliation or communion with any Conservator, until he shall lawfully renounce and abandon the same.

FOURTH—INSTALLATIONS.

The following resolution was also adopted :

"That hereafter no Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge, and no officer of any subordinate Lodge, shall be installed until he shall have made a solemn pledge, in open Lodge, that, on his honor as a Mason, he is not connected with any such Association."

No officer can be legally installed until he shall have conformed to the above resolution, and all Brethren qualified to preside at Installation Ceremonies, are hereby interdicted from installing any officer until he shall have conformed thereto. The officers elected and appointed, are required previous to their installation, in open Lodge, to sign the following pledge to wit:

"The undersigned, officers elect and appointed, of ——— Lodge No. —, A. F. & A. M., do hereby, upon our honor as Masons, solemnly pledge ourselves that we are not connected with the Conservators' Association."

The Installing Officer shall receive the said pledge, and, after installation, make return thereof to me.

Blanks will be furnished the Lodges for the use of said Officers.

No Master elect can be lawfully installed until he is invested with secrets of the Chair.

FIFTH—ORDER.

Let every Master, Warden and Secretary see to it, that this Address is read in full, immediately after the Lodge is opened, and before the transaction of any business, at the first regular meeting after it shall be received, that the same be placed on record for future reference. And I require, said Masters, Wardens and Secretaries, to further see to it, that it be immediately made to me of the execution of this order.

FINALLY.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois, adhering to all its previous well-defined policy, desirous of promoting the harmony, unity and well-being of the Craft—eager to avoid all unnecessary agitation, and all contention—desiring a spirit of concord, brotherly love and conciliation, after expressing in manly terms its opinions and will, and defining the rules by which the Free Masons of Illinois shall be governed, ameliorates the condition of all who may be grieved, and solicits the obedience and Masonic return to duty of all in error, by adopting the following high-toned and fraternal resolution:

"That desirous of promoting harmony and good feeling, this Grand Lodge hereby expresses its wish that all former heart-burnings and difficulties among the Craft be forever buried in oblivion, and that all Brethren who have heretofore gone astray after false teachings, contrary to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and who may have recanted their heresies, and are now loyal to the same, be forgiven, and again considered with the kindly feeling which should characterise Masons on all occasions."

Brethren of Illinois: As your Grand Master, I am under every possible obligation to see the will of the Grand Lodge carried into effect. In addition thereto, after weeks of correspondence, conversation and reflection, I must be permitted to say, that my judgment approves what the Grand Lodge has done. Now, my Brethren, if there be any who feel aggrieved by any of the foregoing resolutions, let them remember that their highest duty is to yield obedience to the Grand Lodge, from whose edicts there is no earthly appeal.

And, in the spirit of the last resolution, let "all heart-burnings be forever buried," and as we assemble around our sacred altars to renew our solemn and irrevocable covenants, let us all remember that "to err is human; to forgive, Divine."

Yours, in Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love,

THOS. J. TURNER,
Grand Master.

IOWA.

We have the proceedings of the annual meeting, in June, 1863, having as a frontispiece a passable lithograph of Grand Master ED. A. GUILBERT, D.

From the acting Grand Master's address we learn that the past year has been one of general Masonic prosperity; that more work has been done in the Lodges than ever before in the same length of time, while the degrees

have been artistically conferred upon better specimens of blocks, and of a more elaborate finish.

The Brethren appointed upon the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, "together with some half a dozen successors," refused to write a report. At the eleventh hour a brother consented to prepare a brief address rather than have the work go undone. Under these circumstances we do not feel disposed to criticise his remarks on Michigan, further than to say that he has got the facts somewhat transposed and mixed with regard to our doings at our last session.

M. W. E. A. GUILBERT was elected Grand Master, and Brother PARVIN was elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The annual session was held in May, 1863. Grand Master FRAREL calling upon them to devoutly acknowledge the superintending care of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, goes on to deplore the continuance of this "unholy and unnecessary rebellion." He then pronounces an edict upon G. M. HENRY CLAIRRENCE and G. S. D. ROBT. M. GILKESON, who have granted sixteen dispensations for new Lodges, seven of them in the State of Indiana. The W. M. of Allensville Lodge asked his advice as follows: "A brother in good standing in this Lodge has gone South, joined the Confederate army, received a commission therein, and is now in arms against the Government of the United States; can the Lodge expel him?" He answered, "for that act alone he could not be expelled." To justify himself in his decision, he quotes from the ancient charges abundant authority for a contrary decision. Brother HACKER, afterwards elected Grand Master, and the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported that the Grand Master quoted the law correctly, but that in his decision the law was not correctly applied. The Committee say they would answer the question, "*Expel him, and do it quickly.*" They deny emphatically that there is any law in Masonry setting aside the first law of nature, "self-defence."

The Grand Master gives a proper rebuke to "periodicals published outside the State by persons calling themselves Masons," who slander and misrepresent their brethren. We have noticed this with pain. An instance in point now occurs to us. The veteran editor of the Boston *Free Mason Magazine*, alleges certain facts as existing in New England in the matter of the honorary titles of D. D. and L. L. D. The same state of facts exist in Indiana, and yet the editor of a periodical, outside of Indiana, edited, as Brother FRAREL says, "by a person calling himself a Mason," quotes an example and says, "We pronounce it a lie, manufactured out of whole cloth."

Grand Master FRAREL wonders how any man, more especially a Mason, can justify himself in such a course, and earnestly advises his brethren to give no countenance or encouragement to such publications.

Bro. WM. HACKER was elected Grand Master, and Bro. FRANCIS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky held their Grand Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, Thursday, October A. D. 1863, A. L. 5863.

Past Grand Master McCORKLE, from the committee on that subject, presented the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted, viz :

The Special Committee, appointed at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to whom was referred the resolution of Brother McCORKLE, respecting the secret order styled by themselves "Conservators," to whom was also, at this communication, referred the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and a communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, beg leave to report—that they have not had sufficient time, at the present session, to give the subject submitted to them the consideration its importance demands. It is impossible, in the hurry necessarily attendant upon the members of the Grand Lodge engaged in the ordinary business of the craft, and determined to finish that business within the space of four days, to investigate, in a proper manner, a subject fraught with so much interest, not only to individual brethren, but to the craft at large. They therefore ask permission to meet at Louisville, during the session of the Grand Lodge, that they may satisfactorily consider this important matter, and to report their proceedings to the next annual communication. Meanwhile, that no injury may happen to the craft in consequence of this postponement of action on the part of the Committee, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That until the Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall otherwise order and determine, no person called Conservators, and all other persons not specially authorized by this Grand Lodge, shall be permitted to lecture or work the so-called Conservators' work in any subordinate Lodge or Lodges, open schools of Masonic instruction, or lecture in any way on the subject of Masonic work, either to individual Masons or to Lodges, or assemblies of such, within Masonic jurisdiction; or to sell or dispose of any books prepared by said secret order, or to deliver thereof, to any Mason owing Masonic allegiance to this Grand Lodge; and all such assemblies and Lodges are hereby forbidden to hear such lectures and work, or to purchase or use such so-called Masonic books, or to unite themselves with said body of Conservators."

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. S. McCORKLE,
A. G. HODGES,
P. SWIGERT,
THOMAS TODD,
THOMAS SADLER.

} Committee.

Past Grand Master HUSTON moved the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary forward, as soon as possible, in printed form, to each subordinate Lodge, to be laid before such Lodge, the report and resolution of this Grand Lodge, concerning the order of the so-called Conservators, and a copy of the same to be sent to the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Tennessee and Illinois.

THOMAS SADLER was elected Grand Master, and J. M. S. McCORKLE re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The fifty-first annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at

New Orleans, in February, 1868. Sixteen Lodges of their one hundred and seven Lodges were represented.

Grand Master FELLOWS says, of the affairs and conditions of their constituent Lodges out of New Orleans he can say but little, having had no direct communication with any of them since the close of the last session. The Lodges in the city, he says, have done very little work; many of them have hardly met for several months, and their treasuries have been, in most instances, depleted by the numerous calls for the relief of the families of their members.

By their Constitution, a quorum of half the constituent Lodges is required for the amendment of the constitution; a representation of one-fourth is required for the election of officers and changes in their by-laws or regulations—requiring fifty-four and twenty-seven, respectively. The quorum (sixteen) present permitted only the transaction of ordinary business. The receipts from rent, interest, dues, etc., the past year were \$9,020 79. The Louisiana Relief Lodge disbursed during the year \$577.

A petition was presented from a number of persons, claiming to be Masons and members of a Lodge called Foyer Magonnique, No. 44, and holding under authority of a Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree, and asking to be recognized as a Lodge of Free Masons. The Committee on Masonic Law reported that the prayer cannot be granted.

The want of a quorum prevented an election, and the old Grand Officers hold over.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in a pamphlet of forty-nine pages, from "March 12 to December 30, 1862, being its 129th anniversary." Grand Master COOLIDGE says, notwithstanding the trying times through which we have passed, the Lodges have been quite as much occupied with Masonic work as could reasonably have been expected or desired, the number of initiates being about nine hundred. Though not quite so large as usual, he says it is no indication that growth—true Masonic growth and culture—are not quite as vigorous as in any previous year. He believes it to be more so.

The first business, after the report of the Grand Committee on Charity, was the organization of a Lodge of Instruction, and the rehearsal of the work of the first and second degrees, and the exemplification of the third degree by the Grand Lecturers. Massachusetts adopted the Baltimore work in 1843, and ever maintained it to be substantially the work they had always used. Of course there may be, *as there always will be*, in any system that can be devised, verbal differences at different periods of time. This is unavoidable, and all that can be done is to restrict these natural changes to the smallest possible number and correct them when detected. To this end, a day is annually set apart by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the rehearsal and review of the work and lectures by the

Lecturers, to which the Masters and Wardens of all their Lodges invited, and usually attend in large numbers. The exemplification of the Baltimore work, resulted in re-affirming the Baltimore work.

Bro. WILLIAM PUCKMAN was elected Grand Master, and Bro. CHAS. DOORE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

From the address of G. M. J. H. DRUMMOND, we learn that the past year has been one of marked prosperity. The Order in the State is stronger than ever before, not only in numbers, but in moral power. He received a petition for a military Lodge, but while exceedingly anxious that our gallant soldiers should not be debarred from their Masonic privileges, yet, after mature consideration, he felt constrained to deny their petition. They are, he says, absent from their homes temporarily, but are still *residents* of the jurisdiction. The position that Maine has taken in the matter of her contest with the Grand Lodge of England, is in accordance with the views ever entertained on the invasion of the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, and they must be the last to depart from the position they have done so much to establish. The question, he says, would be different if our soldiers were in the army for life.

The Grand Lodge sustained the decision of the Grand Master that a

U. D. has no jurisdiction to try charges against a Mason, even if he is one of those named in the dispensation. Such cases should be referred to the Grand Master, who has authority to act upon them.

The question of the necessity of installing a re-elected officer came up for discussion, and it was held: If an officer re-elected is not re-installed, he is nevertheless, would act under his former election and installation, in the same manner as if no election was held, and in that sense it would not be absolutely necessary that there should be either election or installation; that an officer refusing to be re-installed after his re-election, refuses to accept office, and that the annual ceremony of installation is as necessary as that of election.

It was also decided, that when a Lodge of M. M. closes, the minutes of proceedings should be read; if then the Lodge is opened on an inferior degree, at its close the minutes of proceedings on that degree *only* should be read. The proceedings of the M. M. Lodge should not be read in a Lodge of F. C. or E. A.

Bro. WILLIAM P. PREBLE was elected Grand Master, and Bro. IRA BROWN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The regular semi-annual meetings were held in November, 1862, and 1863. Our Rev. and M. W. Bro., J. N. MCJILTON, pays a deserved tribute to the memory of R. W. Bro. JOSEPH ROBINSON, for twenty years

Grand Secretary. In visiting the hospitals of Maryland, he discovered a number of Masonic brethren, and, after correspondence with the Grand Masters of twenty-four jurisdictions, — of whom approved of the measure, he appointed Rev. Bro. ROBT. PIGEOT, D. D., to visit them, who has performed a work of true Masonic philanthropy, and which, he says, promises a fair return for the trouble and expense occasioned by it. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence quote approvingly from the address of Grand Master DARROW. They say: "We agree with him when he says that the lectures must be judged of by their fidelity to the ritual." They further quote: "We also think that an effort on the part of any one, to add to the lectures for the purpose of *improving* the lectures should be discountenanced by the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master was requested to call a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, in order that the Committee on Work and Lectures may have the same exemplified before the Grand Lodge for its adoption.

The meeting was accordingly called and held on the 17th and 18th August, 1868.

Grand Master M. JILTON, in his address, says it was called for the purpose of agreeing upon a uniform system of work and lectures, conforming to the system adopted by the National Convention assembled in Baltimore in 1848. The address is lengthy, and being upon a subject at the time engaging our attention, we judge that some extracts will be interesting.

The work of the Convention, he says, was received and adopted in Maryland. The testimony of our venerable Bro. DOVE, he says, is sufficient authority in relation to the national character of the body, and of the work of its adoption; and when it was known that departures from the same, although not material in their nature, had occurred among the Lodges, the Grand Lodge raised its committee of competent brethren to restore uniformity. Bro. D. A. PIPER, the representative of Maryland at the Convention, and who has continued to instruct the Lodges and brethren ever since, and for most of the time as Grand Lecturer, in the system of its adoption, is a member of the present Convention.

The Grand Master then proceeds to endorse Bro. JOHN BARNEY, having used and taught the system of the Convention as the same had been received by him in the year 1818. It was, not, therefore, he goes on to say, without good and sufficient reason, that Maryland received and used the national system of the Convention.

No material objections have been urged against the system of the Convention until within a short time past. The most formidable opposition that has ever appeared, he says, is now presented by a body entitled "Conservators," of whom Bro. ROB MORRIS, of Kentucky, is chief or head. He goes on to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the address of the Grand Secretary of Michigan, delivered March 18th, 1868, and also of a pamphlet, without title, addressed "to the Free Masons of Michigan," being a reply to the address of Bro. FENTON, and its approval and defence of the system of the National Convention of 1848. He then quotes Bro. MORRIS' address

It was a bladder promptly pricked. In Baltimore the work is never of. I do not know a Lodge in the United States that works it," and

"I suppose that Bro. MORRIS is responsible for the declaration he in regard to the labors of his brethren, and that he will feel himself obliged to make good his word in regard to the use of the work of Convention by the Lodges of Maryland and Baltimore, especially who not only "heard of" the work of the Convention, but constantly use it then proceeds to declare the society of Conservators to be unlawful, and significantly asks, "Should such an association be admitted into the body of Masonry?" arguing that there is importance as well as variety in the Conservators' Association; that trouble is apparent in Maryland through it. He thinks it should have been attended to before now; that its purpose is mercenary; that the publication of the mnemonics was an immoral act, in violation of one of the first Masonic covenants; that the Conservators are assuming prerogatives of a general Grand Lodge. He states the distinct ground that the organizer of the Conservators is against the Grand Lodges, whose duty it is to enquire into the character of the organization. He quotes Bro. MORRIS' "reply," in which he admits: "Those communications are for the most part correctly given by Bro. FENTON." He states, emphatically, that the work of the Conservators is in opposition to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. He concludes by suggesting either united or separation of the Grand Lodges of the United States, as may be deemed proper on the premises.

Bro. PIPER, a member of the Convention, and also of the Committee, communicated the work and lectures to the Committee, and to Brother FENTON, Grand Lecturer, by whom it was illustrated before and re-adopted by the Grand Lodge.

MISSOURI.

The annual session was held in May, 1863, seventy-four Lodges being present.

The troubles in our country have had their effect in Missouri. A number of Lodges have stopped work, but the Grand Master believing that it was for the interest of the fraternity to have all the Lodges in the social chain working, possibly could be, granted permission, whenever asked, to elect officers and resume labor.

The "Conservators' Association" came up and was referred to a Committee, whose report was *unanimously* adopted. They declare it a corrupt organization, treasonable to the institution of Masonry, and subversive of its sacred interests, honor and perpetuation. 2d. They order that they forbid the introduction of it or its work in any of their Lodges. 3d. They order that unless they recant and denounce all connection with it, no Mason subject or adhering to it shall sit, visit or affiliate with any Lodge in their jurisdiction. 4th. That no Grand Officer or member of a subordinate Lodge shall be installed unless he repudiates said

association, or has had no connection therewith. 5th. That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be respectfully and fraternally requested to excommunicate from the Masonic discipline against ROB MORRIS, the "Chief Conservator." 6th. That printed copies be sent to all Grand Lodges and their subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN, exemplified the work he had done at each session for the past twenty years, whereupon the Grand Lodge solemnly re-affirmed the Baltimore work, as received from R. W. S. W. B. CARNEGIE and JOSEPH FOSTER, their representatives in the Baltimore Convention in 1843, to continue to be the work of Missouri, to the exclusion of all other work and lectures and of all other lecturers of every grade.

Bro. JOHN H. TURNER was elected Grand Master, and R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The annual session was held in June, 1863, M. W. JOHN J. C. presiding. He calls upon the Grand Lodge to return to the Supreme Ruler most fervent thanks for the blessings of profound peace which the fraternity now generally enjoys throughout the globe. He mourns the devastations of war affecting the social fabric of our country. He remarks appropriately the decease of prominent members of the craft, but is happy that the number is fewer than usual. Twenty-six dispensations and new Lodges were issued during the year; he renewed three for moribund Lodges. He decided that a Master has no right to order a ballot of a candidate to lie over to a subsequent communication after the candidate has once been balloted for. He states with pleasure the gratification that he has heard of many very gratifying instances of the exercise, in the field of battle, of the noblest traits of human character, stimulated by the tenets and teachings of Masonry. A very large number has been initiated into the fraternity of the State during the year. He declined to grant dispensations to confer the three degrees at one communication. He ordered the charters of several Lodges to be surrendered by the Grand Master, and given into the immediate custody of the Senior Warden of each Lodge, because the said W. Masters resided in a Sister State.

The Grand Lodge reversed the decision, holding that it is the actual home and not the *actual* home which governs, hence, if a Mason hold membership, but resides out of the State, he is eligible to the East.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge is always an elaborate document, and prepared by competent brethren. The present one is from the pen of Bro. ELLICOTT EVANS, and occupies 127 pages of small type. Speaking of the address of our Grand Master in 1863, they say: "The arguments in favor of the Webb-Patterson work, taught by Bro. MORRIS, of Kentucky, are the same as those we have quoted from the address of the Grand Master of Iowa;" therefore the

repeat them. They quote our resolution prohibiting any lecturer except those authorized by us.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia having established a lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence sustains the committee on F. C. in its disapproval of any infringement of sister jurisdictions.

The R. W. Grand Lecturer, in his report, recommended that the Grand Lecturer for the next ensuing year receive a salary for his services; the unanimous report of the committee was adopted, "that the compensation of that officer should be regulated, as heretofore, by the amount of services rendered, and paid by the Lodges or brethren to whom rendered, as seems both equitable and reasonable in this as in all like cases, that those, and those only, who receive the benefits should pay the price."

Bro. CLINTON F. PAIGE was elected Grand Master, and Bro. JAMES AUSTIN, M. D., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

At their annual session in January, 1862. Grand Master VAN WAGONER, at one year ago the condition of the craft was very encouraging, with this proviso, however, there appeared to exist too much of a desire to rapidly increase and multiply our numbers. Yet, he says, in spite of this, the past year has seen more permanent improvement, and its "columns" more firmly supported in their foundations than during any period in his recollection. The addition to their numbers has not been very great, but greater has been exercised in the selection of candidates. He granted two dispensations for new lodges. It is impossible, he says, to estimate the benefit the craft have received from a strict compliance with the regulations respecting examination of candidates before conferring the degrees on them. He declined to grant dispensations for Army Lodges, but the Grand Lodge thought they ought to be granted, their operation being restricted to New Jersey troops.

Bro. ROB MORRIS and E. D. COOKE were present, and addressed them on "uniformity of work," for which they received a vote of thanks; but Conservator candidates for Grand Officers were beaten nearly two to

one. Bro. ISAAC VAN WAGONER, Grand Master, and Bro. JOSEPH HOUGH, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

O H I O .

The Grand Lodge met in October, 1863, M. W. GEORGE REX, Grand Master, and JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary. One hundred and twenty-five Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master says, harmony and peace have prevailed within their ranks. He speaks hopefully of the results of their efforts to produce uni-

formity in the manner of doing the work of the Lodge, which, in his opinion, is all that is practicable, as he has never believed it practical to produce entire uniformity in the language in which the necessary instruction is imparted to the candidate; and yet, he says, it is proper that there should be some standard on the subject to refer to. He denounces itinerant lecturers from other States, who claim to be in possession of the so-called "Webb work," and who are endeavoring to dispose of it to the craft as "pure, unadulterated, ancient work of the order." The enactments of the Grand Lodge, he says, if enforced, will protect the craft from the depredations of these charlatans. The Grand Lodge passed a series of resolutions denouncing "secession" as a monstrous absurdity, and declaring that Free Masonry has no attribute that can take sides with the rebellion, and that it is a Mason's duty to uphold his government, even at the expense of fortune and life.

The Committee on F. C., of which M. W. P. G. W. THRALL is chairman, speaking of "uniformity of work," as lately understood, took occasion to denounce the "Conservators of symbolic Masonry," and show up the "monstrous improbability" of their claim, urged with brazen assurance of possessing the exact, literal work and lectures of "WEBB-PRESENT Masonry!"

Speaking of Michigan, they say: "A large portion of the Grand Master's address is devoted to the prolific topic of 'uniformity of work,' and our M. W. Brother is persuaded that he has luckily 'struck the lead' of the genuine 'Webb-work.' If this be fact, he has been very fortunate. If it be illusion, it were a pity to disturb the hallucination. The Grand Lodge, by its action, evinced some lingering doubt on this point."

OREGON.

The twelfth annual meeting was held in September, 1862, twenty-two Lodges represented. Grand Master BAYLEY says there has been no disturbance to mar their peace and harmony, with the exception of that occasioned by an expelled Mason, viz: OLIVER MOORE, who organized several dissident Lodges; but the influence, exerted for a time, has ceased to have any injurious effect. Their accessions have been small, owing to the times in money matters, the high waters of the last winter, and the general rush for the northern mines. They voted one thousand dollars for the relief of sick and wounded soldiers, to be expended under the direction of the U. S. Sanitary Commission.

WILLIAM J. FOWLER was elected Grand Master, and R. W. WILSON S. CALDWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

From this Grand Lodge we have an abstract of the proceedings, by

tracts at its quarterly, extra and annual communications, during the year 1862.

Their Lodges number up to 342; the membership is 13,790; initiated during the year, 825.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. RICHARD VAUX, Chairman, speaking of "Regimental or Army Lodges," having been authorized some Grand Lodges, remarks: "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not extended their rights and privileges to peripatetic organizations, and doubts the propriety of it. The surroundings and associations which naturally attend the elements of military bodies, at rest or in action, are the best adapted to such a purpose. It might be better, perhaps," they say, "that the Mason should seek to be a soldier, than because he is a soldier, he should seek to be a Mason."

DAVID C. SHERRETT was elected Grand Master, and WILLIAM H. DAVIS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

From this Grand Lodge we have proceedings for the year ending May 25th, 1863.

The progress of the Order in this jurisdiction is steady. Grand Master BALLOW congratulates them that a majority of the Lodges have elected their Masters.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

VERMONT.

The annual communication was held at Burlington, January 14th, 1863, M. W. LEVERETT B. ENGLISBY presiding.

Speaking of the numerous applications to "put through" candidates, he says: "Our general regulations provide for the existence of cases of emergency; they also seem to imply that the exercise of the power should be rare and infrequent. It is not enough that the candidate should have been sitting quietly within sight and hearing of our lodge rooms, refrain from any attempt to connect himself with us, when his presence might have been pleasant, his influence salutary, until the occasion arose when he thought there might be some advantage in being known as a member of our order;" and he very pertinently asks, "Is it for us, at his suggestion, to throw down all those safeguards which a wise fore-sight has erected for preserving the integrity of our institution, and give without hesitation all such as may apply?"

Among the multitude of applications, he goes on to say: "There have been a few more deserving than the others, but even these could not have been granted without an appearance of unfairness, and so all have met the same fate," i. e., he declined to grant their requests.

He complains that the work in some of their Lodges was being *changed* in some particulars, *and without authority*. The record, he says, of that jurisdiction, has always been of too high a character to allow of any *tampering* with it from any source. He goes on to remind the lodges and their members that to the Grand Lodge of Vermont *alone* does it or he owe Masonic allegiance, *and from its constitutionally appointed officers should it or he derive the instruction necessary to the carrying forward the works of the Order*.

Knowing that Vermont adhered strictly to the genuine WEBB work, which she has received from WILSON through BARNEY, GLEASON and WEBB; and as this subject is now prominently before the Craft in Michigan, we deemed it proper to open a correspondence with M. W. L. B. ENGBESBY, asking him who was tampering with their ritual, and what was being attempted to be introduced in place of the genuine WEBB work which they had ever practiced and taught.

The Grand Master replies: "The *change* of which I spoke in my address was from the introduction of the work from the '*Conservators Society*,' and the circulation of a book called '*Mnemonics*' by persons from without the State, and through the influence of the '*Conservators*.'" Some trouble has arisen therefrom, but he trusts it will be quieted.

He says in his address: "To no man's sleeve should Masonic or any other faith be pinned. Our traditions are verbal—not written—transmitted from mouth to ear, and so handed down." He goes on to warn his brethren against going to a *foreign* source for what could be so much better obtained at home.

Grand Master ENGBESBY and Grand Secretary CLARK were both re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Milwaukee, in June, 1868. M. W. ALVIN B. ALDEN, in his opening address, says it affords him pleasure to state, that while dissensions have arisen in some sister jurisdictions, peace and harmony continue to prevail within their borders. The condition of the Order in the State, he says, was never better than at the present time. After cautioning against admitting initiates without a rigid application of the true Masonic test, he says that the danger of Masonry is not so much from those without as from those within the pale of the fraternity. Ages of persecution have failed to overthrow our institution, but he fears what external violence has not been able to effect, may yet be accomplished by internal force, he points to the introduction of imperfect material into the walls, as one of the greatest sources of danger. He granted a few special dispensations to confer degrees, and refused numerous others of like character.

The question was asked, Whether a rejected applicant might apply, after a year, to another Lodge having concurrent jurisdiction? Their constitution is silent on the point. It was answered, That no Lodge should

...tiate, pass or raise an applicant rejected, without first receiving the unanimous consent of the Lodge that rejected him. Much business of a moral character received appropriate and careful attention. We regret that our last proceedings failed to reach their Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master ALVIN B. ALDEN, and Grand Secretary WILLIAM T. ALMER, were each re-elected.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Six Lodges were represented at the annual meeting in December, 1922. The brethren in this jurisdiction are zealous and searching for light. That they may avoid the bewildering glimmer of any *ignis fatuus*, and succeed in finding the true light reflected from a pure jewel, is the earnest hope of your committee.

R. W. THOMAS H. REED, for several years Grand Secretary, was re-elected Grand Master, THORNTON F. MCILBOY being elected Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FENTON,
Grand Secretary and ex-officio Chairman.

Bro. BELA COGSHALL offered the following preamble and resolution, which was referred to the standing committee on accounts:

Whereas, Holly Lodge, 134, and Otsego Lodge, 78, have lost their furniture and jewels by fire, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the dues of said Lodges for the past year be remitted.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from order to refreshment until 7 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when the Committee on the Address of the M. W. Grand Master made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN:

The committee appointed upon the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, beg leave to report:

1. That so much of the address as relates to the communication re-

ceived from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, be referred to a select committee of three.

2. So much as relates to dispensations and charters, be referred to the standing committee on examination.

3. So much as relates to "petitions after rejection," be referred to the committee on *Masonic Law*.

4. So much as relates to * * * be referred to a select committee of three.

5. So much as relates to "Military Lodges" be referred to the committee on *Masonic Law*.

6. So much as relates to the growing evil of intemperance, be referred to a select committee of five.

7. Your committee beg to express the hope that so much as relates to "conservatism," may be carefully and sufficiently considered by the committee of nine, appointed for that purpose at the last communication of this Grand Lodge, who are to report to-morrow morning.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WALKER,
L. H. CORSON,
ORVILLE B. DIBBLE,
Committee.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following special committees on the several divisions of the address, viz :

1. Bros. Hon. W. M. FENTON, GEO. W. WILSON, and WM. WALKER.

3. Bros. Rev. D. C. JACOBS, H. McCURDY, and H. CARTTER.

4. Bros. B. COGSALL, D. R. STROUD, H. SAUNDERS, A. McILHENNY, and F. S. HUBBELL.

A communication was read from Bro. B. F. STAMM, complaining of the action of Union Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 3, in allowing a petition for initiation to be withdrawn by a two-third vote, and it was referred to the standing committee on grievances.

Bro. D. R. STROUD presented the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted :

Whereas, As alleged, A. H. BOWEN, of Hudson, Lenawee county, residing within the jurisdiction of Maxson Lodge, No. 26, was, in December, 1863, under dispensation from the Grand Master, initiated, passed and raised within two weeks, by Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 22, at Kalamazoo; and whereas, said BOWEN had been rejected by said Maxson Lodge, then recently, of which said Kalamazoo Lodge was informed by a Brother of Maxson Lodge, before initiation,

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee on *Masonic Law*, to

quire and report what action in the premises they deem should be taken by this Grand Lodge.

BRO. COOLEY offered the following resolution, which was referred to the standing committee on examination :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to publish the names of members, and the time of regular communication of each subordinate Lodge, with the printed transactions of this year.

The R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer then presented his annual report, which was accepted :

REPORT.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS AND BRETHREN
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

As Grand Visitor and Lecturer, the undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past Masonic year, I have promptly attended to the calls of Masonic instruction from the numerous Lodges within this jurisdiction that have required my assistance, and, as in former years, I have endeavored to obey the edicts of the Grand Lodge by communicating instruction in strict accordance with the lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge for the government of the subordinate Lodges. I have labored to make the work harmonize with the lectures, as in no other way could confusion, in the varied duties of our Lodges, be prevented.

How well I have succeeded, with the aid of the intelligent officers of the Lodges where I have worked and lectured, in faithfully performing my duty, is for you to determine. As a consequence, however, of strict adherence, during a series of years, to the edicts of the Grand Lodge in regard to the lectures and work, I feel justified in asserting, that within no other jurisdiction can the same number of Lodges be found where the work of the Order is performed more in accordance with the ancient landmarks, or with greater precision, order and harmony, or where Free Masonry is more prosperous or more generally respected.

That intelligent Masons should differ in regard to the correctness of different systems of lectures, or portions of such systems, and should manifest considerable zeal in their efforts to establish what they think is right, and to reject what they believe to be wrong, is not a matter for censure or surprise; indeed, it would be more surprising in this enlightened age if those in search of truth should not investigate and judge for themselves. That whatever our individual opinions may be on the subject of Masonic customs, literature or work, as Masons, we are solemnly bound to obey the edicts of our Grand Lodge until those edicts are modified or repealed. This Grand Lodge, by the adoption of a system of lectures as a guide to our work, has established a standard, which I have had no disposition to ignore, and

assuredly had no right to abandon at the instance of others, until directed by this Grand Lodge to modify or change that standard.

The grand desideratum for our institution is perfect uniformity, as nearly as possible, in accordance with ancient usages, in our lectures and work. Assuredly, if perfect uniformity in our customs, lectures and work could prevail throughout the different jurisdictions of our own country, and the Masonic world at large, it cannot be doubted that the prosperity of our Order would be greatly increased. But, in an institution so ancient and universal, embracing almost every section of the habitable globe, and within whose Lodges, whether organized in palace-like structures, in the rude huts of the wilderness, "on a high hill or in a low vale," instruction is communicated in almost every known language to multitudes of men of all creeds and of every political faith, we can scarcely conceive it possible that perfect uniformity in the literature and work of our Order—the grand desideratum of some able and zealous Masons of the present and past ages—will ever prevail.

While, therefore, as finite and imperfect beings, we can scarcely hope for entire uniformity in this respect, we are cheered with the reflection, that from the earliest periods of Masonic history, the prominent landmarks of our Order have remained essentially the same; so uniform, in fact, unchanged and complete, that no true and well-instructed Mason has ever found difficulty in making himself known to an equally true and properly instructed Brother, no matter of what nation or clime; nay, so well have the ancient landmarks been preserved, it is no great stretch of fancy to suppose, that when a Brother now present in this hall meets an ancient Brother, who worked upon the TEMPLE nearly three thousand years ago, in the spirit world, to which we are all hastening, he will have no difficulty in recognizing him as a Free and Accepted Mason.

If the existence of our Order had depended upon the preservation of every word or thought handed down from remote ages, and expressed in the unwritten language of the Craft, the Order, long since, would have ceased to exist. But our institution can not be lost or materially disturbed by incidental changes of phraseology or modification of forms not vitally essential. Its existence has depended, and will always depend, upon the preservation of certain principles, of universal application to the necessities of man in every state and condition. Prominent among these are "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," which constitute the foundations of the Order; and while these are sacredly guarded, the mere exterior ornaments of the Masonic structure may, as heretofore, be modified in the progress of ages to suit the taste or the peculiar local views of our brethren in different sections of the world, but the spirit which prevailed at the birth of our institution, and which established the grand principles we cherish, will preserve our Order in all time;—it is founded on a rock, and it will stand.

Brethren, as a Free and Accepted Mason, I have lived in this faith, and, with the blessing of the SUPREME ARCHITECT, I shall die in this faith.

And now permit me again to tender you my heartfelt thanks for your long-continued brotherly kindness.

S. BLANCHARD.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 14, 9 A. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor. Prayer was offered by the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Treasurer then presented his annual report, which was accepted and referred to the standing committee on accounts.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

The undersigned, your Grand Treasurer, presents herewith his annual Report, as follows:

R. W. LANDON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND LODGE.

1863.		Dr.
March 29	To cash of Grand Secretary,	\$3,875 80
April 11	" cash of Niles Lodge, No. 97, dispensation, . . .	5 00
		<u>\$3,880 80</u>

1863.		Cr.
Jan'y 17	By balance, as per Report,	\$ 50 88
" "	" paid warrant 167,	100 00
" "	" " 168,	100 00
" "	" " 169,	85 00
" "	" " 171,	11 00
" "	" " 172,	88 95
" "	" " 173,	12 00
" "	" " 174,	26 50
Feb'y 2	" " 175,	23 00
" 6	" " 176,	159 87
Mar. 19	" " 177,	102 96
" 23	" " 178,	85 00
April 1	" " 179,	19 50
" "	" " 180,	150 00
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$913 65</u>

			Cr.
1863.		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$913 65
	By Counterfeit bill of G. S.,		5 00
June 24	" Paid warrant 181,		175 00
27	" " 182,		150 00
Sept. 30	" " 183,		150 00
Dec. 8	" " 184,		100 00
Jan. 17	" Pay roll,		1,198 96
1864.			
Jan. 12	" Paid warrant 185,		150 00
18	" Balance on hand,		43 49
			<u>\$2,880 80</u>

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

R. W. LONDON,
Grand Treasurer.

Detroit, Jan'y 13, 1864.

The Grand Secretary then presented his account, which was accepted and referred to the standing committee on accounts.

REPORT.

THE GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF MICHIGAN,

In account with JAMES FENTON, Grand Secretary.

		Dr.
1863.		
March 1	To Trowell for use of committee of nine,	\$ 4 00
	" Mackey's Jurisprudence, for use of Grand Master,	2 00
	" Postage stamps,	14 30
	" One year's salary,	850 00
	" Balance,	689 20
Total,		<u>\$1,059 50</u>

		Cr.
1863.		
Feb'y 26	By Dispensation for Russell Lodge,	\$ 20 00
	" " Saranac Lodge,	20 00
	" " Farmington Lodge,	20 00
	" " Harmony Lodge,	20 00
	" " Dryden Lodge,	20 00
	" " Do. overpaid,	10 00
	" " Warren Lodge,	20 00
	" " Maple Rapids Lodge,	20 00
	" " Redford Lodge,	20 00
	" Warrant on G. C. salary,	175 00
	" Forty special dispensations,	200 00
	" Thirty-nine Grand Lodge certificates,	19 50
	" Received from J. E. Johnson,	850 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>		<u>\$914 50</u>

864.	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$914 50
By 14	135 special dispensations, received at session,	65 00
"	From J. E. Johnson, for special dispensations,	60 00
"	" " dispensation, United Lodge,	20 00
Total,		<u>\$1,059 50</u>

The special committee of nine, on the subject of a change in the work of the Order, then submitted the following report and resolutions, which were accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The committee of nine, elected at the last session, to whom was referred the whole subject of a change in the work of the Order," respectfully report :

That being sensible of the importance of the subject, and that the Grand Lodge wished to arrive at the truth, without reference to the hand which held the light in the search, they entered upon the investigation, prepared to follow the truth wherever the evidence might lead ; they therefore at once commenced to gather information from every available source.

The subject having been officially brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge in the address of the M. W. Grand Master, at the last session, naturally take his statement of the question as the basis of our investigations.

The question, in the language of the address, alluded to, is "*The lessons taught by Bro. Morris are altogether preferable to those we have adopted*" * * * * * "*it [the system] possesses the claim of being the ancient*" * * * * * "*the adoption of this system is highly desirable.*"

To investigate this claim, to become acquainted with the facts and to discuss the propriety of a change, is the duty imposed on us.

We met Bro. MORRIS, agreeably to appointment, at the city of Ypsilanti, on March 17th last. He came prepared to offer all the testimony and evidence in his possession, of the authenticity of his system. After organizing, we addressed a note to Bro. MORRIS, inviting him to come before us and "exemplify his 'Webb-Preston' ritual, and to produce all the proof in his possession of its claims as set forth."

It being stated that the brethren of Ypsilanti were desirous of attending to the discussions, and being informed that other brethren from neighboring lodges had come up for the same purpose, we declared the meeting to be open to all Master Masons in good standing.

Bro. MORRIS appeared before us ; the chairman stated to him the object of the meeting, and the pleasure it gave us to have him present, and that

we wished him to give us all the evidence he had, inviting him to say what he pleased, and how he pleased, assuring him that he should meet with no interruption. Bro. MORRIS remarked that he gladly embraced the opportunity, but signified his wish that the interview should be private. Out of courtesy to our guest, we yielded our own preferences, and all visitors were requested to retire. Bro. MORRIS then proposed to show, "*the strength and authenticity of the 'Webb-Preston' ritual, and the weakness of every other system.*"

He went on to say, that he had taught "*Bastard Work*" in Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky until, in 1848, he commenced to travel North; that in May, 1857, he found with Bro. SAM. WILSON, of Vermont, a set of notes of the lectures, who told him they were made by himself and Bro. JOHN BARNEY. BARNEY, he remarked, was a third-rate tailor, poor, ignorant and low in life, but no doubt a good man and true Mason. The relevancy of the remark is not apparent. Bro. MORRIS admitted having made "a few corrections by reference to older manuscripts, but had had no occasion to change a single *important* feature in those BARNEY lectures." He did not at this time, nor subsequently, when exemplifying the lectures, indicate what those changes and alterations were. He further remarked, that there was less difference between the work as practiced in Michigan and his, than that of any other jurisdiction, except where "Webb-Preston" had been adopted within two years.

MARCH 18th, 8 A. M.

Bro. MORRIS produced several manuscripts of the lectures in cypher and called them by name, but made no further reference to them; he then gave each of us a copy of his "MNEMONICS," and from it proceeded to exemplify "*Webb-Preston*" as taught by him in his schools of instruction." This occupied the whole forenoon and the whole of the afternoon; he gave us not only the text as he gave it before the Grand Lodge last year, but he also gave comments, calling our attention to the beautiful phraseology, which, he said, had stood the severest philological tests, and the keenest criticism. We noticed many variations of words and phrases, but in all candor we say, that our lectures, where differing from his, we deem to be altogether preferable. Our opinion in this is confirmed by the views of our P. G. M. J. ADAMS ALLEN, who for the past two years has been masonically associated with Bro. MORRIS at Chicago, and therefore well qualified to form an accurate and intelligent judgment of the respective merits of the two rituals. He writes us, August 31st, 1868, "From careful observation, I am convinced there is no better Masonic work anywhere than that of Michigan. A Michigan Mason, instructed in the ritual of Michigan, can gain admission to any Lodge worthy the name on the footstool. My advice is to say nothing more about the work until some Michigan Mason is refused admission into some Masonic Lodge in good standing and repute."

We noticed, likewise, some very remarkable transpositions and important omissions in his lectures, which show that parts have been lost in

transmission, or for some reason had been purposely omitted; as we are now upon esoteric ground, we must be careful how we tread.

[The committee here explained *vice versa*.]

Bro. MORRIS then went on to state that "*Webb-Preston*," as taught by him, was adopted and used in the jurisdictions of Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Washington Ter., Vermont, Alabama, North Carolina, Florida and Kentucky; the latter jurisdiction, he went on to say, "adopted it in 1859; that Bro. WILLIAMS made a splendid report in its favor and it was adopted." As Bro. MORRIS was Grand Master of Kentucky in 1859, we supposed that, from his official position, he had presented to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky such irrefragible testimony of the authenticity and genuineness of his system that no room was left for doubt. Truth is one of the tenets of our profession, being a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue, and while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, and being by direction of our Grand Lodge in search of Truth, we referred to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the year named (1859), from which we will now quote: Page 158 is a portion of Grand Master MORRIS' address, headed "UNIFORMITY OF WORK," in which he condemns, in strong terms, the work as practiced in Kentucky. He then states the efforts he had made during the year to remedy these defects, and goes on to say, that in May of that year (1859) he invited delegates, and held a session of his School of Instruction for one week. He says, "I have tested the authenticity of these lectures in so many ways, that no doubt remains upon my mind, or upon the minds of those who have thoroughly sifted the evidence, of their genuineness. He quotes one of his deputy Lecturers, ELISHA D. COOK, as saying that he had given the lectures, as he learned them from him, in Scotland, and the Scotch brethren declare it to be almost literally the same that they practice. (We have compared notes with several Scotch brethren, but in the part of Scotland from whence they came the remark does not hold good.) He speaks of having empowered W. Bro. JOHN AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS, to lecture whenever invited upon by Lodges, but he refrains from giving "the many evidences he had collected" of the freedom from adulteration of the lectures which had been teaching. On page 158, we find the report of the special committee on this part of Grand Master MORRIS' address; JOHN AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS being chairman. The first half of the page is an echo of Grand Master MORRIS' words, condemning the work as practiced in Kentucky. The committee next earnestly recommend the Schools of Masonic Instruction to the fostering care of the Grand Lodge; they then ask, "who has pure and genuine lectures?" and reply, "with the most ample and satisfactory premises before them, they unhesitatingly recommend the work and lectures of Thomas Smith Webb, as taught in the schools of Masonic instruction during the past year." We could have wished "the most ample and satisfactory premises" spoken of had been made a part of the report, but we regretted the omission the less as we had Bro. MORRIS himself with us, for express purpose of giving the Grand Lodge of Michigan, through your

committee, the light we were in search of, and which he claimed to and to be anxious to give. M. W. SOL. D. BAYLESS, P. G. Lecturer and Master of Indiana, in reply to our inquiries, had written that at the of the School of Instruction, above spoken of, he was present, and then and there he publicly denied the work then taught to be the work of THOMAS SMITH WEBB, and challenged proof, and that Bro. MORRIS requested him to keep quiet on the subject, as he might create confusion in the class. But Bro. MORRIS, says Bro. BAYLESS, was prejudiced; and in search of truth, we turned to page 164 of the proceedings of Kent above alluded to, and there we find that JOHN AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS' was taken from the table and discussed upon its merits, and that the action recommending the adoption of "*the work of Thomas Smith Webb taught by Bro. Morris in his school of instruction,*" was amended by striking out all after the words "THOMAS SMITH WEBB," thereby simply retaining their adherence to the Webb Work. Still, desirous to learn the truth, we thought that, perhaps, at a subsequent time, Bro. MORRIS' system had been adopted, and we inquired of M. W. P. SWIGERT Grand Secretary. P. G. Master, who replies, "*Bro. Morris' lectures, as taught by him in his School of Instruction have never been adopted by our Grand Lodge.*"

Bro. MORRIS next asserted that twenty-five or thirty Grand Lodges were working "Webb-Preston" more or less correctly, among which he should quote Michigan, other Grand Lodges will speak for themselves. For Michigan, we say, that we have always used the lectures approved and recommended by the National Convention of Grand Lodges, held in the City of Baltimore, in the month of May, A. L. 5843, as our early record shows—the term "Webb-Preston" was invented but recently.

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Bro. MORRIS now proposed to tell us "all about the Conservators' association," and to prove its propriety and innocent character.

The idea, he said, originated with himself, CHARLES SCOTT, of Mississippi, and PHILLIP C. TUCKER, of Vermont, who, had he lived, would have taken the position of "chief conservator," which he MORRIS now occupies. No correspondence or other proof was offered on this point, probably because Bro. MORRIS did not attach much importance to it. The reason which prompted the formation of the association, he said, were, "that there were too many masons; that the majority of them were ignorant as to what they should do; that he would not trust his wife or daughters with them—we might as well have them as we might not, therefore it was necessary for the more intelligent and influential to join together for mutual support.

Bro. MORRIS then read to us two printed papers called "COMMITTEES No. 1 AND No. 2," respectively, explaining the plan and objects of the Conservators' association, the latter embracing "seven features" carefully worded. After reading them, he offered them to our chairman on the condition of their being considered "confidential," but deeming it improper for the agent to have any concealment from his principal in the business he is transacting for such principal, we declined so to receive

ereupon, he curtly remarked, "well, take them, and publish them in *The Press*, if you wish to."

With regard to the Conservators' association, as set forth in these "*Communications*," we say solemnly, *we judge the scheme to be unlawful, unmasonic, and opposed to the real interest of Masonry*. The ostensible object is "Unity of Work," but this is not proposed to be accomplished by a fraternal and logical contest, but by a *secret* and irresponsible body, selected and controlled by a secret "**CHIEF CONSERVATOR**," and to him alone responsible. We have spoken of the ostensible object, but can it be possible that ten dollar clause in the "seventh feature," with a copy of "**MNEMONICS**" thrown in, is the real motive?

Bro. MORRIS solemnly assured us, the obligation of a Conservator was nothing more than a covenant of secrecy, and in proof of this offered to offer the degree upon each of us *free of charge*—which we declined. He lied the charge, which he said was made, that he made money out of association; the expenses, he said, were large, for postage, printing and traveling salaries, and traveling expenses of the agents employed to travel in interests; that ministers of the gospel, old men and Grand officers were made Conservators without fees.

Bro. MORRIS then offered the following evidence in proof of "the authenticity of the Webb-Preston ritual, as taught by him, and the weakness of every other system."

"Bro. SAMUEL WILSON, of Vermont, has the key made by him and ARNEY of the Webb-work, otherwise called Webb-Preston."

"Refer to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for either 1860-1861, to those of Kentucky for 1859, to those of Indiana, Illinois and Vermont."

After somewhat of a pause, our chairman asked him, whether he had anything further to say, or anything further to offer in the way of evidence or documentary testimony, as the committee, he said, wished to make a final report upon the subject.

Bro. MORRIS replied, "That, sir, depends upon what sort of a report you make; if you report in favor of my system it will be final, otherwise not." After saying that he had given us all the evidence he had, and thanking the committee for their courtesy and patient attention to him, he added, his voice and manner changing: "Sir, your Grand Lodge may condemn, may condemn against the association; but, sir, the association will live and accomplish its objects in despite of it." Bro. MORRIS then retired.

MARCH 19th, 8 A. M.

At this time we received the following note from Bro. MORRIS:

THE COMMITTEE:

"The principal evidence of the authenticity of the Webb-Preston work which I offer, and upon which I go before the Masonic world, is that my investigations for thirteen years, pursued in every part of the country, with the aid of all the auxiliaries the case affords, point unerringly in this

direction, and prove that the rituals I have exemplified before you are the rituals of Webb."

MARCH 19, 1863.

Respectfully,

ROB MORRIS.

Bro. MORRIS referred us to the proceedings of Iowa for 1860, or 1861, not wishing to leave undone anything which could throw any light upon the subject of our investigations. We did refer to the proceedings of Iowa for 1860, and there we learn that the Grand Lodge of Iowa, desirous of obtaining the "Webb-Work," had invited Bro. SAMUEL WILSON, of Vermont, who was then present and exemplified the "Webb-Work" before them. Bro. MORRIS was accidentally present at the time, but is not quoted as of any authority in the premises, but was simply welcomed as a visitor; the honors were all given to their invited guest, who said, "I left the East and traveled West, at their invitation, and spent two weeks in giving them the old Webb lectures as he received them from JOHN BARNEY in 1818."

We find, by reference to their proceedings for 1861, that the Grand Master argues in his address in favor of "Webb-work," not "*Webb-Preston*," as taught by Bro. Morris; his argument is to be found on pages 415 and 416, and a literal copy may likewise be found on pages 14, 15 and 16 of the proceedings of Michigan for 1863.

We likewise referred to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and as in the case of Iowa, we find them re-affirming their continuous adherence to the ancient Webb-work, not "*Webb-Preston*," as taught by Bro. Morris.

Bro. MORRIS expressly and emphatically claimed that Illinois had adopted his system; we shall have occasion presently to state the facts with regard to this allegation.

We likewise referred to the proceedings of Vermont for 1863; on page 18 we find Grand Master ENGLESBY complaining, "that the work in the Lodges was being changed and without authority." In answer to our inquiries, he replies, "the change of which I spoke in my address, was from the introduction of the work from the Conservators' society."

The R. W. HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Secretary and P. Grand Lecturer of Illinois, was in attendance, by invitation, but owing to the work of Bro. MORRIS, that his interview with the committee should be private, he was not present until now, and at his request all Master Masons in good standing were invited, and a number at once entered and took seats as spectators. Bro. REYNOLDS stated, that in 1845 and 1846 the Grand Lodge of Illinois adopted the Baltimore lectures, which they received from Bro. JOHN BARNEY at that time; that the Baltimore Ritual was now the official work of that jurisdiction, that latterly Bro. ROB MORRIS had been endeavoring to discredit it and to introduce *Webb-Preston*, as taught by him in its stead.

Bro. REYNOLDS then requested our Grand Secretary to ask the questions, and he would give the answers in the lectures of Illinois and Michigan.

respectively; in this way the lectures from E. A. to M. M. were given, which showed the fact of the literal identity of the rituals.

Bro. REYNOLDS called our attention to many discrepancies between *Abb-Preston, as taught by Bro. Morris*, and the Baltimore Ritual, and emphatically to the remarkable (shall we say significant?) omission of the *renant* to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. BLANCHARD bore witness that the lectures Bro. REYNOLDS had given, agreed with those of Bro. BIRD, of Chicago, in 1855, with very slight differences. Bro. REYNOLDS then presented a letter from Bro. PAUL B. RING, addressed to our Grand Secretary, setting forth that Bro. REYNOLDS had often compared notes, and vouching for his thorough orthodoxy. Bro. RING, it will be remembered, was an active and influential member of the Grand Lodge of Michigan at the time of our adoption of the Baltimore lectures; for the last few years he has resided in Illinois, and is at the present time one of the grand lecturers in that jurisdiction.

Bro. REYNOLDS then, to show that the lectures he had just exemplified were the official work of Illinois, exhibited and read a letter from Grand Master BLAIR, dated December 1st, 1861, approving and indorsing the Baltimore lectures as taught by Grand Lecturer REYNOLDS, as the recognized work of Illinois.

Bro. REYNOLDS then exhibited and read to us "COMMUNICATION No. 2," signed in Bro. MORRIS' own hand writing, also copies of several numbers of the "Conservator," published by ROB MORRIS, "for circulation among Conservators only," containing, among other things, the names of the Conservators in Michigan, and their mystic names and numbers. He likewise exhibited and read to us a little book, published by ROB MORRIS, called "Excerpta," in direct and palpable violation of his covenant with E. A.; this, he went on to show, was only furnished to "twelve selected Conservators;" and he proceeded from documentary evidence to show that the obligation *in full* of a Conservator consisted of twelve points, and that the Chief Conservator used his discretion as to how many points he gave to a candidate for the degree. The following is a synopsis, or summary of the twelve points:

1. To secrecy.
2. That every document furnished the candidate as a member of the Conservators' association, whether written or printed, is to be considered as between himself and the Chief Conservator; that no one is to have any access to any such document, to be informed of its allusions or existence, except those directly accredited by the Chief Conservator.
3. To answer and obey all summonses and orders of the Chief Conservator, and of all such as may be duly accredited by him, without objection as to the object or intent thereof.
4. To aid and help all Conservators in distress or in need of help, with advice, money, information, service, or in any other way, in preference to any other persons, and especially in any way that will advance the interests of their association.

5. That the great end of the Association shall be constantly kept in view, and uniformity of work, upon the basis prescribed by the Chief Conservator, commonly called the Webb-Preston system, shall be strenuously urged, to the exclusion of all other systems.

6. Every Conservator is bound to use all his influence to obtain and hold the first three offices in his Lodge; to teach the Morris system and no other, and to seek by every available means to obtain possession of the Grand Lodge so as to compel all Lodges to adopt and use the above named system of work.

7. To root out all the old Masons, who adhere to any other system, from office; to depreciate and diminish their influence, seduce them to their support, when necessary or advisable, by giving them unimportant offices; to create divisions and jealousies among them; to attack them and drive them from all participation in the business or counsels of the Craft.

8. To menace and threaten all brethren who will not submit to their terms; to aggravate and persistently annoy them until they commit some indiscreet act, so that they may take advantage of the same.

9. To make use of power when obtained to propagate the system of work dictated by the Chief Conservator, and to break down every Lodge that stands in its way.

10. To keep all secrets communicated by Conservators, without exception, let their character or objects be what they may.

11. To insist everywhere, and at all times, that the system of the Chief Conservator is the only true system, and that all other systems are illegitimate.

12. Not to assist in the making a Conservator, who has not previously declared, in writing, that he will fully conform to all the rules of the order.

Bro. REYNOLDS then exhibited an original printed copy of the edict of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, dated 1805, establishing Webb-work in that jurisdiction, and appointing Bro. BENJAMIN GLEASON Grand Lecturer, and recommending him and the Webb work, as taught by him, to the subordinate lodges.

The testimony and argument of Bro. HON. PHILLIP C. TUCKER, of Vermont, introduced in the address of our Grand Master last year, is adduced, not to prove that *Webb-Preston, as taught by Rob Morris*, is the genuine ritual, but to prove, that the genuine Webb work practiced in Vermont, descended in a regular chain from GLEASON, through FOWLE, then BARNEY to WILSON. Bro. MORRIS adds himself to this chain, and by implication, would have us believe, that *Webb-Preston, as taught by him*, and *Webb work* are convertible terms; we say by implication, for in his note to us, set forth above, he points to "my own investigations for thirteen years," as the proof.

To sum up, then, we find that Bro. MORRIS admits explicitly that the work of THOMAS SMITH WEBB is the ancient and genuine ritual. We find it admitted on all hands, (our own Grand Master last year supplied us with the evidence,) that Bro. BENJAMIN GLEASON is the first of the

es of links through whom this ritual has been transmitted to our times; investigations are thus narrowed down to the simple question, whether **WEBB-PRESTON**; *as taught by Bro. MORRIS*, is this ritual? Bro. MORRIS content to rest this point upon an implication. He refers us to Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois and Vermont, for the proof. We have examined his references, and, as we have set forth above, we find them to be simply, affirmation and re-affirmation of the authenticity of the work of **THOMAS SMITH WEBB**. Vermont goes further, and directly charges the "conservators" (of which Bro. MORRIS acknowledges himself to be the originator and chief,) with "changing the work, and without authority."

Having thus, finally, disposed of Bro. **ROB MORRIS'** pretended claim, only remains to be shown that the Baltimore work, as ever practiced in Michigan, is the genuine and ancient system of **THOMAS SMITH WEBB**; which, being proved, all thoughts of "a change in the work of the Order," must, of course, be abandoned, now and forever.

The testimony of **R. W. CHARLES W. MOORE**, a member of the Baltimore Convention, a Massachusetts Mason, whose integrity is above reproach, and whose ability has been conceded for forty long years, is directly to point, and with it we conclude our report:

BOSTON, July 13th, 1863.

W. FENTON, Esq., *Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, Michigan*:

Dear Sir and Brother: In reply to yours, of June 13th, I say:

The work and lectures of the three first degrees, as adopted and authorized by the Baltimore Convention, in 1843, were, with a few unimportant verbal exceptions, literally as they were originally compiled by **THOMAS SMITH WEBB**, about the close of the last century, and as they were subsequently taught by him, during his lifetime, and also by his son and favorite pupil, Brother **BENJAMIN GLEASON**, from the years 1812 until his death in 1847. In a note to me, under date November 12th, 1843, Brother **GLEASON** says: "It was my privilege, while at Brown University, Providence, R. I., (1801-2,) to acquire a complete knowledge of the lectures, in the three first degrees of Masonry, directly from our late and esteemed brother, **THOS. S. WEBB**."

In 1805, Brother **GLEASON** was commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, (then exercising Masonic jurisdiction over Massachusetts and what is now the State of Maine), as its Grand Lecturer, and empowered to visit and instruct the Lodges in the ritual, as he had received it from Brother **WEBB**. This duty he performed with great fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Lodge; and this ritual is in use in the Lodges of Massachusetts at the present time. There may be some slight verbal departures from the original, but no material change has been made in it.

In 1823-4, Brother **GLEASON** became my Masonic teacher. I learned the work and lectures of him. We were connected by family ties, and the Masonic relations continued to exist between us until his death in 1847. I was associated with him in all the various branches of Masonry

for nearly a quarter of a century, and enjoyed all the rare advantages of his extensive and accurate knowledge of the various rituals of the different grades of the Order.

In 1848, I was appointed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a delegate to the Baltimore Masonic Convention, called for the purpose of revising the various modes of work then in use, and agreeing upon a uniform system for the country. Before leaving home, and as a preparation for the better discharge of the duties of the appointment, I availed myself of the assistance of Brother GLEASON, in a thorough and careful revision of the lectures, which I had originally received from him, and which, on frequent occasions, I had been called to deliver and work with him, both in and out of the Lodge. I was, therefore, qualified to report them to the Convention, through its Committee on the Work, in their purity and integrity, and beyond all doubt, just as they originally came from the hand of the late Brother WEBB. They were so reported. I had the honor to be a member of the committee, and to report the amendments, and the lectures as amended, to the Convention. This I did without *notes*, but subsequently took the precaution to minute down the alterations from the original; and these are now in my possession. They were mostly verbal, few in number, and not material in their results. The only change of consequence were in the due guards of the second and third degrees, which were changed and made to conform to that of the first degree in position and explanation. This was analogically correct.

I am, fraternally, yours,

CHAR. W. MOORE.

To embody, in action, the conclusions we have arrived at, we respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Michigan does solemnly re-affirm the authenticity and correctness of the lectures heretofore established by this Grand Lodge, and taught in this jurisdiction, and declares that any change is neither desirable or proper.
2. *Resolved*, That any attempt, by any person or body of men, to introduce or teach any change of our long established lectures, is unconstitutional, unmasonic, and deserves the most severe reprehension, and is by this Grand Lodge strictly forbidden within this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. C. JACOKES,
HUGH McCURDY,
L. MOORE,
O. D. CONGER,
S. BLANCHARD,
BENJ. PORTER,
J. E. MARVIN,
JAS. FENTON.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY, January 14, 2 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, and announced the election of grand officers to be the special order. The Standing Committee on Examination, by general consent, was permitted to make their report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan :

The Standing Committee on Examination respectfully report that they have carefully examined the several applications for charters from Lodges, now working under dispensation, and finding their work to have been substantially correct, and in accordance with the constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge, would recommend that charters be granted to them, as follows:

Memphis Lodge, to be No. 142, held at Memphis, Macomb Co.

Harmony Lodge, to be No. 143, held at Burks' Corners, Macomb Co.

Russell Lodge, to be No. 144, held at Bedford, Monroe Co.

Maple Rapids, to be No. 145, held at Essex, Clinton Co.

Boston Lodge, to be No. 146, held at Saranac, Ionia Co.

Warren Lodge, to be No. 147, held at Hudson, Lenawee Co.

Manchester Lodge, No. 148, held at Manchester, Washtenaw Co.

United Lodge, No. 149, held at Cooper, Kalamazoo Co.

Dryden Lodge, No. 150, held at Dryden, Lapeer Co.

And your committee further recommend, that a dispensation be granted to brethren at Williamston, Ingham county, to open a Lodge, and receive petitions, and confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, upon applicants within their jurisdiction, after being instructed by the Grand Lecturer, and receiving his certificate that they are competent to confer the degrees in due and ancient form. J. H. FENALIA, to be Worshipful Master; CORNELIUS DEWITZ, Senior Warden; and JAMES W. WALDO, Junior Warden.

And that we further recommend, that Oakwood Lodge, No. 100, be permitted to adopt the by-laws herewith submitted, and marked Exhibit ; and that we find the by-laws of the several Lodges above named are in conformity with those recommended by this Grand Lodge.

And we further recommend that Farmington and Redford Lodges be continued under dispensation, until the next session.

Your committee report that they have examined the by-laws of Bliss Lodge, No. 114, and find them in conformity to the edicts of the Grand Lodge.

And we further recommend, that the Grand Secretary publish the time meeting of the several subordinate lodges of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. PARTRIDGE,

A. B. CUDWORTH,

O. W. DODGE.

The special committee on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, relating to * * * was then presented, read and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the installation of Grand Officers elect, be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon, at two o'clock; and that when the Grand Lodge is called from labor to refreshment, it be until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices set opposite their names, respectively, to wit:

LOVELL MOORE, of Grand Rapids,	-	<i>Grand Master.</i>
W. T. MITCHELL, Port Huron,	-	<i>D. Grand Master.</i>
A. T. METCALF, Kalamazoo,	-	<i>S. Grand Warden.</i>
A. PARTRIDGE, Birmingham,	-	<i>J. Grand Warden.</i>
Rev. D. B. TRACY, Petersburg,	-	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
JAMES FENTON, Detroit,	-	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
R. W. LANDON, Niles,	-	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
S. BLANCHARD, Tecumseh,	-	<i>Grand Visitor and Lecturer.</i>
W. BARCLAY, Detroit,	-	<i>Grand Architect.</i>
D. A. WRIGHT, Austin,	-	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
D. H. BAKER, Fentonville,	-	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
J. P. WHITING, Detroit,	-	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
C. J. KRUGER, Grand Rapids,	-	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
HENRY METZ, Detroit,	-	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
CHARLES D. HOWARD, Detroit,	-	<i>Grand Steward and Tyler.</i>

The Committee on Masonic Law then made the following reports, which were accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the complaint of Maxson Lodge, No. 26, against Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 23, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following report:

The facts upon which this complaint is founded, as presented to your committee, involve the following questions of Masonic Law:

1st. What is the duty of a Lodge, upon rejecting a candidate for initiation, in respect to giving notice of such rejection to other Lodges?

2d. What is the duty of a Lodge, upon receiving a petition for initiation, to ruling the eligibility of the candidate?

3d. What is the duty of a Lodge, or of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, upon information that a candidate's election is unworthy, or ineligible?

1st. In answer to the first of these questions, your committee are of the opinion that it is the duty of the Secretary of a Lodge, upon the rejection

tion of a candidate, to give official notice of such rejection to the Grand Secretary, and to all contiguous Lodges, as required by the constitution of this Grand Lodge; and that it is the duty of the Master of every Lodge to see that his Secretary doth discharge this, as well as his other official duties.

3d. In answer to the second question, the opinion of your committee is, that it is the duty of a Lodge, upon the application of a candidate for initiation, to see that every candidate is properly a resident of the proper jurisdiction of such Lodge.

8d. It is the duty of the Master of a Lodge, (as your committee have determined,) to suspend the advancement of a candidate, at any stage of such advancement, when it shall come to his knowledge that such candidate is either unworthy of receiving, or ineligible to receive Masonic Light, regardless of the course or channel of such knowledge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. C. COFFINBURY,
WM. M. FENTON,
O. D. CONGER.

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the question of difficulty between Valley City Lodge, No. 86, and Saginaw Lodge, No. 77, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that the facts, as disclosed before your committee, by the representatives of the above named Lodges, raise no question of Masonic Law, and as the mover of said resolution asks leave, through your committee, to withdraw the same, in view of the claim being adjusted by Valley City Lodge, your committee recommend that leave be granted.

S. C. COFFINBURY,
O. D. CONGER.

On motion of Bro. O. D. CONGER, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to have the names of the Grand Masters put on their respective portraits, in this hall, with the date of their election.

On motion of Bro. S. C. COFFINBURY, it was

Resolved, That permission be given to Lansing Lodge, No. 83, to hold an election for officers of their Lodge, at their regular meeting, in February.

On motion of Bro. O. D. CONGER, it was

Resolved, That all Lodges chartered at this communication, be allowed to hold an election for officers of their respective Lodges, at any regular meeting, within two months.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE

FRIDAY, January 5, 9 A. M.

The Committee on Masonic Law made a verbal report, recommending the reference, to the Standing Committee on Examination of the by-laws of Blissfield Lodge, No. 114, which report was accepted and adopted.

The special committee on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's address, relating to the communication from the M. W. Grand Master of Maryland, then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The special committee, to whom was referred a communication from G. M. of Maryland, referred to in G. M.'s Address, asking a contribution of fifty dollars, and appointment of a Rev. Brother to visit sick and wounded soldiers in and about the District of Columbia and Maryland, respectively, report, that in view of the constant change in the position of our troops and the well known care and attention bestowed on sick and wounded in that vicinity, they deem no action of this Grand Lodge necessary on the premises.

WM. M. FENTON,
GEO. W. WILSON,
WM. WALKER.

Bro. H. A. TILLOTSON offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas, Several Lodges have not complied with a certain resolution adopted at the last session of this Grand Lodge, page 26, transactions in regard to members in the military service of the United States ;

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure and submit to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, a suitable blank, in duplicate, make such returns, one copy to be kept by the Lodge, the other forwarded to the Grand Secretary, in time for publication in the report of this communication.

The special committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Address as relates to Intemperance, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Address as refers to the subject of intemperance, beg leave to report :

That after having duly considered the subject, fully agree with the M. W. Grand Master, that it is an evil to be deprecated, and all possible means used to correct it.

That to this end, all Masters of Lodges should strictly enforce the law, every candidate, at his initiation, in the strongest manner possible

importance of the cardinal virtue, temperance; which, if duly enforced, in the opinion of your committee, in a great degree, at least, correct evil complained of. But believing that the article in the constitution of Grand Lodge upon that subject is all the legislation that is required, I recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all Masters of subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction read, or cause to be read, in their several Lodges, at least once in each three months, that part of the constitution relating particularly to this subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELA COGGESHALL, *Chairman*.

Bro. LAMON offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to L. MOORE, Deputy Grand Master, to pay him for moneys by him paid out and expended, in the discharge of his official duties, past year.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to M. W. Grand Master, J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, for his incidental expenses during the term of his office.

Bro. JUSTUS W. TOMS offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Saginaw Lodge, No. 77, be authorized to purchase, for the Grand Lodge, a burial lot in the cemetery at East Saginaw, and that the use of the same be granted exclusively to Saginaw Lodge, No. 77.

Bro. E. W. HARRIS offered the following resolutions, which were severally adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be, and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Master and Lecturer to visit and instruct all the Lodges within this jurisdiction, which have been chartered within the past two years, and such Lodges as are, or shall be under dispensation during the present year, and all such other Lodges, in this jurisdiction, as may request his services: *Provided*, That the Grand Visitor and Lecturer shall first receive from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary the constitutional certificate, authorizing them to act in that capacity.

Resolved, That there shall be paid to the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, for his services during the present year, by the Grand Lodge, the sum of \$100, and that each Lodge he shall visit, shall, in addition thereto, pay him the sum of five dollars for each visit.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to furnish the Grand Visitor and Lecturer a list of the Lodges which have been chartered during the past two years, and of such Lodges as are now, or may be acting under dispensation during the present year.

The standing Committee on Grievances then made a report, in the matter of the complaint of Bro. B. F. STAMM, a Union Lodge of S. O., No. 3, that the action of said Lodge regular, and that no action of the Grand Lodge is necessary; report was adopted.

On motion of Hon. W. M. FENTON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Wm. K. MUIR, Esq., Superintendent of the Detroit and Milwaukee R. Company, for his courtesy and liberality in granting return passes to officers and members thereof.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish Mr. MUIR a copy of these resolutions, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Hon. W. M. FENTON, it was

Resolved, That article V of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended, by adding thereto, "a Committee on Masonic Law."

On motion of Bro. W. WALKER, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a new Grand Master's jewel, to be presented to Past Grand Master JOHNSON.

On motion of CZAR JONES, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to compile the Constitutions, Edicts, By-Laws and Rules of this Grand Lodge, and report the same at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Said resolution was referred to a special committee, composed of J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, H. CARTER, Hon. W. M. FENTON, M., S. C. COFFINBURY, and W. S. MITCHELL.

The special committee on Bro. COFFINBURY's resolution presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. COFFINBURY, respectfully report, that no knowledge having come to this Grand Body, from the subordinate bodies, of which Past Grand Master ROBERT and Bro. ENSWORTH were members, of their action in the premises, what aid may be required, would respectfully recommend that this subject be referred to said subordinate Lodges, and if, in their opinion, the necessities of the case should require it, they are requested to invite other subordinate bodies of this jurisdiction to participate in their action.

GEO. A. FITCH,
H. T. BACKUS,
EDWARD LEFAVOUR.

On motion of Bro. W. WALKER, it was

Resolved, That all past officers of this Grand Lodge, to whom jewels have been awarded, by vote of this Lodge, be requested to wear the same when in attendance at all future sittings, and upon all official duties, and let them rust in obscurity.

On motion of Bro. S. C. COFFINBURY, it was

Resolved, That it shall be a standing rule of this Grand Lodge to pay the same mileage and per diem that delegates are entitled to, to all Past Masters in attendance.

Bro. MERTZ called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the needy circumstances of P. G. Tiler S. CASWELL, when the subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Bros. WALKER, DIBBLE, and COFFINBURY and KINNE.

The special committee in the case of P. G. Tiler S. CASWELL, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The committee report that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the benefit of Past Grand Tiler SENECA CASWELL, and placed in the hands of the W. Master of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, for application.

The petition for a military Lodge was presented, and referred to a special committee, of which Bro. NOBLE was chairman, who reported that it was inexpedient to grant the same, the Grand Lodge meeting last year expressed an opinion adverse to granting such.

Bro. GEO. E. HUBBARD offered the following resolution, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Bros. R. P. DREDGE, F. DARROW, P. G. M., and CZAR JONES.

Whereas, Bro. C. MOORE, of Cincinnati, has introduced a new edition of his "Craftsman," than the one adopted by this Grand Lodge January 1847, and thereby creating confusion among the workmen; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approves of the "Craftsman," as compiled by Bro. MOORE, at that time, and recommend it to be used by all Lodges within this jurisdiction.

The standing Committee on Accounts then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Accounts beg leave to report, that they have examined the tabular statement of the Grand Secretary, for the year ending January 9th, 1863, and find the same correct. They also find the report of the Grand Treasurer correct.

They find, from examination of the account of the Grand Secretary, from Feb. 12, 1863, to Jan. 14, 1864, he has received \$914.50, and that he has paid out \$20.30.

Your committee would further report, that a warrant be drawn in favor of RICHMONDS & BACKUS, for stationery, \$38.10.

Your committee would further report, that they have had under consideration the loss sustained by fire at Holly Lodge and Otsego Lodge, and would recommend that the Grand Lodge dues of said Lodges for the past year be remitted.

GEO. C. MUNRO,
J. LOOMIS,
F. CARLISLE.

Bro. O. BOURKE submitted the following amendment to the constitution, which was approved, and ordered to lay over until the next annual communication :

Amend section four, of article V, by adding thereto the following words: "*Provided*, That Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, under this jurisdiction, be allowed to hold their annual election for those officers, during the month of November, in each year.

On motion of Bro. COFFINBURY, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, to contribute, by voluntary donation, such sums as they may see proper to raise, to be placed in the hands of W. M. Bro. O. BOURKE, to aid in the enterprise of the Detroit Mason's monument.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until two o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY, January 15, 2 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

Rev. Bro. S. S. BROWN offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, by this Grand Body, That while we recognize the kind hand of our Heavenly Father, in permitting us peacefully to assemble where there are "none to molest or make us afraid," we would, from the fullness of our hearts, remember, with fraternal affection, those of our brothers and friends now absent for the defense of our country, and the homes we so peacefully enjoy.

Resolved, That this Grand Body tender their heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those who, for the defense of our common country,

ve left all they hold dear in life, to endure the dangers of the field, and
up their last sleep, where they fell in the day of battle.

Resolved, That this Grand Body will continue to bear in faithful
membrance those of our numbers who have gone out from us, either as
sailors or soldiers. That when the noise of battle has died away, and a
peaceful expectation of peace again returned, it shall more fully illustrate
the truthful saying, "A three-fold cord is not easily broken."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the proceedings
of this Grand Body. Also, a copy forwarded to each commander of regi-
ments and companies sent from the State of Michigan to the different parts
of the army of the United States.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced that the installation
of the grand officers elect was the special order, whereupon Grand
Marshal J. P. WHITING presented the following brethren, newly
elected, who were duly installed and proclaimed, to wit :

LOVELL MOORE,	- - - - -	<i>Grand Master.</i>
WM. T. MITCHELL,	- - - - -	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
A. T. METCALF,	- - - - -	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
A. PARTRIDGE,	- - - - -	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
D. A. WRIGHT,	- - - - -	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
D. H. BAKER,	- - - - -	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
C. J. KRUGER,	- - - - -	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
HENRY METZ,	- - - - -	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be allowed Bro. CHARLES D.
STEWART, Grand Steward and Tiler, for his services during the present
session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to
our last Past Grand Master JOHNSON, for the able, enlightened, and dignified
manner he has presided over this Grand Body during his term of office.
Also, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are given to the remainder of the
past grand officers, for their efficiency in the discharge of the duties of their
respective offices.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge
be held in the city of Detroit.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to
the Monroe Chapter, No. 1, of the city of Detroit, the same being for rent of

Grand Secretary's office the past year, and for use of this hall the session of Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. S. C. COFFINBURY, it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the session of 1861, and accepting Bro. ROB MORRIS, of the State of Kentucky, an member of this Grand Lodge, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure the printing of the transactions, and such matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having in his contract as well to the price, as to the time of performance.

There being no further business, the communication of Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in AMPLE FORM, after prayer by the W. and M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST :

[SEAL.]

Pas. Feutor.

Grand Secretary

EXPULLED.

NAME.	LODGE.	NO.	CAUSE.
es A. Steele, - - -	Evergreen, - - - -	9 -	u. m. c.
is Jusperson, - - -	" - - - -	" -	"
on Morse, - - - -	" - - - -	" -	"
Mallock, - - - -	Phoenix, - - - -	18 -	"
a. H. Lamphere, - -	Tyre, - - - -	16 -	"
. Frary, - - - -	Flint, - - - -	23 -	gross u. m. c.
n H. Clowes, - - -	Mt. Hermon, - - -	24 -	"
a. W. Glass, - - -	Siloam, - - - -	35 -	"
ert Evans, - - - -	Birmingham, - - -	44 -	"
W. Riker, - - - -	Hastings, - - - -	50 -	"
hester, - - - -	Meridian Sun, - - -	49 -	n. p. d.
n G. Owen, - - - -	Cedar, - - - -	60 -	u. m. c.
rge Colton, - - - -	Utica, - - - -	75 -	"
k. Ragan, Jun., - -	Eureka, - - - -	107 -	"
ries Gibson, - - -	Rockland, - - - -	108 -	"
on Hore, - - - -	" - - - -	" -	"
hen L. Richards, - -	" - - - -	" -	"
ry J. Downey, - - -	Forest, - - - -	126 -	"
es R. Cook, - - - -	Ypsilanti, - - - -	128 -	"
. Ferris, - - - -	" - - - -	" -	"
n L. Tooley, - - -	Pokagon, - - - -	136 -	"

REINSTATED.

NAME.	LODGE.	NO.
ry J. Alvord, - - -	Union of St. O., - - -	8

1864. *TABULAR STATEMENT for the year ending December 27th, 1863.*

No.	LODGES.	MASTERS.	ADDRES.	Initiated.	Dimitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Dues paid.	REMARKS.
1	ZION,	E. G. Allen,	Detroit,	10	11		16	9	1	207	\$41 50	
2	DETROIT,	O. Bourke,	Detroit,	32				3		124	70 75	
3	UNION OF S. O.,	E. LeFavour,	Detroit,	8							63 00	
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY	John Woodruff,	Niles,	6				3	2	66	23 50	
5	ROCHESTER,	J. V. Lambertson,	Rochester,	11				1	1	47	20 50	
6	MT. CLEMENS,	R. P. Eldridge,	Mt. Clemens,	4	2			2		34	22 75	
7	WASHINGTON,	A. D. Eldred,	Tekonsha,	11	2			3		35	22 75	
8	TRENTON,	A. McIlhenny,	Trenton,	13	1		8	6		59	20 75	
9	EVERGREEN,	D. D. O'Dell,	St. Clair,	7	3		17	2	4	55	19 00	
10	DOWAGIAC,	H. W. Campbell,	Dowagiac,	18	5			8	1	82	36 00	
11	PINE GROVE,	E. W. Harris,	Pt. Huron,	14				11	3	103	38 50	
12	BATTLE CREEK,	Wm. Brown,	Battle Creek,	15	9			7	1	88	25 75	
13	PHENIX,	E. Bogardus,	Ypsilanti,	10		1		10		67	22 75	
14	MURAT,	F. W. Sheldon,	Albion,	22				5	3	110	47 75	
16	LAFAYETTE,	G. C. Munro, P. G. M.,	Jonesville,	21				5	3	142	52 00	
17	JACKSON,	B. Porter, Jun.,	Jackson,	26	5	1		20		174	61 75	
18	TYRE,	S. L. Dart,	Coldwater,	42	3			8		131	65 75	
19	ADRIAN,	William F. King,	Adrian,	10	4		1	3	1	86	29 00	
20	ST. ALBANS,	Isaac Beers,	Marshall,	25	1			6		87	46 75	
21	PONTIAC,	F. Darrow, P. G. M.,	Pontiac,	30	19		3	3		124	51 75	
22	KALAMAZOO,	A. T. Metcalf,	Kalamazoo,	15	3			10		102	39 25	
23	FLINT.	Wm. M. Penten,	Flint.									

28	UNION,	A. B. Aiken,	Union City,	10	2					5	2	68	27 00	
29	HUMANITY,	Frank Mead,	Homer,	13	4							88	19 85	
30	CONCORD,	A. J. Paddock,	Concord,	80	4					9		75	81 50	
31	PORTLAND,	M. B. Beers,	Portland,	3							1	40	12 35	
32	FIDELITY,	H. T. Farnum,	Hillsdale,	16							1	118	38 00	
33	LANING,	J. P. Cowles,	Lansing,	16	11					8	2	86	33 00	
34	GRAND RIVER,	L. A. Rogers,	Gd. Rapids,	27	4					9	8	180	59 75	
35	SILAM,	Thos. G. Green,	Constantine,	15		1						91	36 50	
36	IONIA,	Willard B. Walls,	Ionla,	18	4					5	3	80	32 63	
37	LYONS,	W. Halstead,	Lyons,	13						7	15	11	44	23 25
38	HOWELL,	Milo H. Gay,	Howell,	40	4					12	1	81	52 50	
39	WESTERN STAR,	E. A. Brown,	Berrien,	4						4	6	2	37	14 00
40	FRANKLIN,	Wm. R. Traver,	Litchfield,	20	5							50	27 50	
41	ROMEO,	Samuel W. Belles,	Romeo,	23						14	1	71	35 50	
44	BIRMINGHAM,	A. Partridge,	Birmingham,	15		1				7	1	69	32 58	
46	ORION,	Wm. E. Littell,	Orion,	17						2	2	42	25 75	
47	PLYMOUTH ROCK,	G. W. Booth,	Plymouth,	16						2		81	29 00	
48	AUSTIN,	Bela Cogshall,	Austin,	14	4					1	1	41	22 75	
49	MERIDIAN SUN,	Homer Dunn,	Sturgis,	21		1				6	2	101	47 50	
50	MICHIGAN,	John L. Mitchell,	Jackson,	10	4					7	2	87	29 50	
51	ALMONT,	D. W. Hallock,	Almont,	9	11					3	1	46	20 18	
52	HASTINGS,	D. Striker,	Hastings,	22	1	1				7		84	41 75	
54	LAPEER,	H. K. White,	Lapeer,	10	2					8		44	20 60	
55	BACKUS,	E. B. Sherman,	Cassopolis,	4					7	5		52	17 00	
56	OCCIDENTAL,	William Earl,	St. Joseph,	18						5		88	34 39	
57	THREE RIVERS,	D. M. Bateman,	Three Rivers,	4	2					1	1	100	23 23	
58	PT. HURON,	John L. Newell,	Pt. Huron,	15						1		89	34 25	
59	CLIMAX,	N. Eldred,	Climax,	9						4		54	19 50	
60	CEDAR,	N. B. Smith,	Cedar,	10	3					2	1	58	21 18	
61	LEXINGTON,	Arthur M. Clark,	Lexington,	15						3	2	92	28 00	
62	S. WARD,	B. S. Horton,	Belle River,	4						2	2	35	10 50	
63	EATON RAPIDS,	T. S. S. Havens,	Eaton Rapids,	14						2		73	29 50	
64	MACOMB,	Henry Bennett,	Washington,	5	2					2		42	18 00	
65	WASHTENAW,	Geo. H. Lyon,	Dexter,	13	3					5	2	60	26 25	

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

No.	LODERS.	MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
66	CAPTAL OF S. O.	J. W. Barker,	Lansing.	27	2		6	3		83	\$39 50	
67	ONTONAGON,	James Mercer,	Ontonagon,	2						35	10 50	
68	BUCHANAN,	Charles Clark,	Buchanan,	17				12	8	95	33 00	
69	TECUMSEH,	Lucius Lilley,	Tecumseh,	25				20	8	95	44 23	
70	MASON,	John H. Sayers,	Mason,	26				20	8	63	41 00	
73	COLON,	M. W. Alfred,	Colon,	15	1			13	8	63	33 63	
74	DUNDEE,	Henry Watling,	Dundee,	8	2			7		43	18 50	
75	UTICA,	F. A. Knight,	Utica,	8	1		1		2	42	17 00	
76	LIVINGSTON,	Chas. W. Haze,	Pinckney,	7				3		63	20 35	
77	SAGINAW,	W. J. Bartow,	East Saginaw,	8	2			8		48	18 50	
78	OTSEGO,	H. C. Stoughton,	Otsego,	32	2			26		78		
79	GERMANIA,	Otto Rosser,	Saginaw City,	7								
80	BYRON,	Byron Bostwick,	Byron,	26			8	8		24	12 75	
81	OWOSSO,	Henry C. Knill,	Owosso,	8	4			5	1	40	84 25	
83	LAKE ST. CLAIR,	Rudolphus H. Kern	N. Baltimore,	8	5			6		47	11 04	
84	BELLEVUE,	Ira Sergeant,	Bellevue,	8	3			12	2	38	11 50	
85	OXFORD,	Geo. S. Pearce,	Oxford,	11	2			2	1	48	17 00	
86	ANN ARBOR,	Jehn N. Gott,	Ann Arbor,	23	18			13	4	88	40 75	
88	VALLEY CITY,	W. K. Wheeler,	Gr. Rapids,	17			1	15	6	191	39 15	
89	MUSKEG,	A. Lampman,	Butler,	17			1			12	2 35	
90	LOWELL,	L. J. Ford,	Belleville,	15				4		51	23 50	
91	AMSTERDAM,	Thos. Daniels,	Lowell,	7				10	1	55	18 40	
92	FRANKLIN,	Raiben Bulman,	Detroit,	20				4		88	34 60	
93	FRANKLIN,	D. L. Johnson,	Galesburg,	4	1			4	1	55	14 75	

Dues remitted.

\$6.43 yet due.

97	NILES,	J. Loomis,	31	1	11	8	45	37 00
98	WATERFORD,	F. W. Fifield,	18	2		4	42	20 25
99	DECATUR,	H. Canoll,	20	4			36	14 50
100	OAKWOOD,	Sloan Cooley,	20	4		7	1	38 50
101	MARQUETTE,	Andrew G. Clark,				6	2	49 15 50
102	BLANCHARD,	Wm. Corbin,	6			9	2	58 10 33
103	GREENLY,	Hon. W. L. Greenly, P.	88			7	55	24 50
104	WHITE PIGEON,	G. P. DePuy, [G.M.,	18	1	1	4	51	28 25
105	ST. JOHNS,	John W. Faine,	18	7		5	1	55 48
106	ST. PETERS,	A. S. Cook,	12					28 25
107	EUREKA,	Jacob Cooke,	5	2	1			15 00
108	ROCKLAND,	T. U. Flammer,	7	5	3			20 18
109	FENTONVILLE,	D. Burrows,	20			16	2	99 41 16
110	HIRAM,	W. W. Lawrence,	13			6	1	68 27 00
111	ALLEGAN,	E. D. Follett,	15					23 25
112	WAYNE,	G. Walker,	11					58 09 31 00
113	HAMILTON,	V. V. B. Merwin,	14	1		1		43 16 00
114	BLISSFIELD,	J. B. Clement,	8	1		4	64	84 74
115	CORUNNA,	Spencer B. Reynale,	23	1		9	1	58 36 15
116	EXCELSIOR,	L. M. Powell,	15			10	73	42 23
117	READING,	A. B. Strong,	28			5	64	24 50
118	SCHOOLCRAFT,	John Struble,	9	8		10	1	36 20 50
119	RISEING SUN,	Emory O. Briggs,	12	6		5	46	23 00
120	CHARLOTTE,	E. S. Lacey,	17			5	41	15 92
121	COMMERCE,	Thaddeus A. Smith,	11			4	47	24 50
122	OTTAWA,	Thomas Lowe,	10			5	42	16 00
123	ITHICA,	Elijah Peck,	15			2	46	23 39
124	EAGLE,	William Shane,	7	2		4	1	31 13 50
125	FAIRFIELD,	F. Grundy,	12			9	55	81 75
126	FOREST,	Oliver Dodge,	7	1		14	1	74
127	OYD,	John A. Potter,	18					
128	YPSILANTI,	W. Babcock,	10	2	2			

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

No.	Lodges.	Masters.	Address.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid.	Remarks.
129	BAY CITY,	N. B. Bradley,	Bay City,	8				6		44	\$18 75	
130	STOCKBRIDGE,	Charles G. Cool,	Stockbridge,	49	2			5		51	57 25	
131	NEWAYGO,	A. H. Giddings,	Newaygo,	17				11	1	58	29 25	
132	LINDEN,	J. B. Hyatt,	Linden,	19				6		52	27 50	
133	SALINE,	E. B. Clark,	Saline,	12	5			6		41	19 75	
134	HOLLY,	Milan Perry,	Holly,	16				12		52		Dues remitted.
135	QUINCY,	Chas. L. Wheeler,	Hancock,	14						47	28 00	
136	POKAGON,	J. A. Shingledecker,	Pokagon,	12	4			3	1	39	18 75	
137	MENDON,	Horace C. Clapp,	Mendon,	11				4		35	17 00	
138	PORT HOPE,	Chas. B. Cottrell,	Port Hope,	15	1			7		30	25 50	
139	GD. HAVEN,	Geo. E. Hubbard,	Gd. Haven,	16	1			12	1	32	21 75	
140	MUSKEGON,	Alex. V. Mann,	Muskegon,	19				11		46	25 50	
141	MYSTIC,	C. R. Garrison,	Bronson,	24				3		30	33 50	
U. B.	MEMPHIS,	L. G. Sperry,	Memphis,	10				3		24	16 75	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MANCHESTER,	John B. Gilman,	Manchester,	80				4		83	34 25	Also \$30 for charter.
"	RUSSELL,	Geo. Kirkland,	Lambertville,	17				3	1	23	18 67	Also \$30 for charter.
"	BARTON,	Wm. Dowlman,	Saranac,	10				4		9	7 00	Also \$30 for charter.
"	FARMINGTON,	O. B. Smith,	Farmington,	5						22	14 25	Dispensat'n contin'd.
"	HARMONY,	H. B. Church,	Burk's Corners	8						12	8 00	Also \$30 for bal. do.
"	DRYDEN,	N. B. Eldridge, 2d,	Dryden,	18						12	14 50	Also \$30 for charter.
"	WARREN,	M. J. Tayer,	Hudson,	10						12	14 50	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MAPLE HARBOR,	Maria V. H.	Maple Harbor,	10								

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		\$20	\$20	\$20 for dispensation
J. Cornwall,				
WILLIAMSTON,				
Williamston,				
Totals.....	2085	274 20	104	823 122 8772
For charters as above,				8837 85
11 Grand Lodge certificates,	.	.	.	240 00
10 blue books, .	.	.	.	5 50
Balance of Grand Secretary's account,	.	.	.	2 50
				689 20
				<hr/> \$4805 38

PAY ROLL—Session of 1864, at Detroit.

No.	LODGERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
1	Zion, .....	....	....	...	\$3 00	E. G. Allen.
2	Detroit, .....	....	....	...	3 00	John Stirling.
3	Union of S. O., .....	....	....	...	3 00	E. LeFavour.
4	St. Jo. Valley,	191	\$11 46	3 00	14 46	H. Rounds.
5	Rochester,	12	60	3 00	3 60	J. V. Lambertson.
6	Mt. Clemens,	24	1 84	3 00	4 84	H. Carter.
7	Washington,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	Alvah D. Eldred.
8	Trenton,	20	1 20	3 00	4 20	A. McIlhenny.
9	Evergreen,	56	3 36	3 00	6 34	A. J. Cummings.
10	Dowagiac,	178	10 68	3 00	13 68	W. H. Campbell.
11	Pine Grove,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	E. W. Harris.
12	Battle Creek,	121	7 26	3 00	10 26	E. Sprague.
13	Phoenix,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	W. Babcock.
14	Murat,	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	F. W. Sheldon.
16	Lafayette,	112	6 72	3 00	9 72	L. H. Corson.
17	Jackson,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	B. Porter, Jr.
18	Tyre,	130	7 80	2 00	9 80	O. C. Graham.
19	Adrian,	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	W. F. King.
20	St. Albans,	107	6 42	3 00	9 42	H. A. Tillotson.
21	Pontiac,	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	J. P. Foster.
22	Kalamazoo,	143	8 58	3 00	11 58	Geo. H. Fitch.
23	Flint,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	J. B. Hamilton.
24	Mt. Harmon,	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	Jas. J. Dressler.
25	Paw Paw,	164	9 84	3 00	12 84	O. C. Simmons.
26	Maxson,	90	5 40	3 00	8 00	D. R. Stroud.
27	Monroe,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	A. Grant.
28	Union,	149	8 58	3 00	11 58	A. B. Aiken.
30	Concord,	96	5 76	3 00	8 76	A. J. Paddock.
31	Portland,	136	7 80	3 00	10 80	M. B. Beers.
32	Fidelity,	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	H. T. Farnum.
33	Lansing,	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	J. P. Cowles.
34	Grand River,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	L. A. Rogers.
35	Siloam,	170	10 20	3 00	13 20	Thos. G. Green.
36	Ionia,	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	W. B. Wells.
37	Lyons,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	W. Halstead.
38	Howell,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	Mylo L. Gay.
39	Western Star,	200	12 00	...	14 00	Joshua Feather.
40	Franklin,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	W. R. Traver.
41	Romeo,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	S. W. Belles.
44	Birmingham,	19	1 14	3 00	4 14	A. Partridge.
46	Orion,	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	W. E. Littell.
47	Plymouth Rock,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	C. R. Kellog.
48	Austin,	52	3 16	3 00	6 16	B. Coggeshall.
49	Meridian Sun,	165	9 90	3 00	12 90	H. Dunn.
50	Michigan,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	J. L. Mitchell.
51	Almont,	48	2 78	3 00	5 78	D. W. Halleck.
52	Hastings,	150	9 00	3 00	12 00	D. Striker.
54	Lapeer,	60	3 60	2 00	6 60	H. K. White.
55	Backus,	188	11 28	3 00	14 28	E. B. Sherman.
56	Occidental,	216	12 96	3 00	15 96	Wm. Earl.
57	Three Rivers,	186	10 80	3 00	13 80	D. M. Bateman.
58	Port Huron,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	W. T. Mitchell.

PAY ROLL—Session of 1884, at Detroit.

No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
59	Climax.....	183	\$7 93	3 00	\$10 92	C. W. Eldred.
60	Cedar.....	85	2 10	3 00	5 10	N. B. Smith.
61	Lexington.....	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	A. M. Clark.
62	S. Ward.....	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	B. S. Horton.
63	Eaton Rapids.....	102	6 12	3 00	9 12	T. S. S. Havens.
64	Macomb.....	80	1 80	3 00	4 80	Chas. Bennett.
65	Washtenaw.....	47	2 80	3 00	5 80	A. D. Crane.
66	Capitol of S. O.,....	123	7 32	3 00	10 32	E. E. Beebe.
68	Buchanan.....	196	11 76	3 00	14 76	A. C. Bartlett.
69	Tecumseh.....	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	D. Woodward.
70	Mason.....	101	6 06	3 00	9 06	J. H. Sayers.
73	Colon.....	150	9 42	3 00	12 42	M. W. Alfred.
74	Dundee.....	60	4 08	3 00	7 08	H. Watling.
75	Utica.....	27	1 62	3 00	4 62	W. P. Wells.
76	Livingston.....	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	F. G. Rose.
77	Saginaw.....	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	J. W. Toms.
79	Germania.....	107	6 42	3 00	9 42	W. McBratney.
80	Byron.....	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	E. Bostwick.
81	Owosso.....	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	H. Knill.
82	Lake St. Clair.....	34	2 04	3 00	5 04	R. Kern.
83	Bellevue.....	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	M. S. Brackett.
84	Oxford.....	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	G. S. Pearce.
85	Ann Arbor.....	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	J. N. Gott.
86	Valley City.....	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	W. K. Wheeler.
89	Myrtle.....	80	1 80	3 00	4 80	L. J. Ford.
90	Lowell.....	148	8 88	3 00	11 88	Thos. Clow.
91	Ashlar.....	..	..	3 00	3 00	R. Bulman.
92	Prairie.....	184	8 04	3 00	11 04	A. B. Sumner.
93	Star.....	111	6 66	3 00	9 66	S. S. Hinkle.
94	Charity.....	..	..	3 00	3 00	Wm. Walker.
95	J. Moore's.....	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	G. W. Kinney.
96	Greenville.....	167	10 02	3 00	13 02	Wm. Maxted.
97	Niles.....	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	J. Loomis.
98	Waterford.....	83	1 96	3 00	4 96	F. W. Fifield.
99	Decatur.....	167	10 02	3 00	13 02	H. Canoll.
100	Oakwood.....	42	2 52	3 00	5 52	S. Cooley.
102	Blanchard.....	57	3 42	3 00	6 42	Jas. J. Russell.
103	Greenly.....	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	W. Mills.
104	White Pigeon.....	161	9 66	3 00	12 66	W. W. Brunson.
105	St. John's.....	100	6 00	3 00	9 00	H. Cook.
106	St. Peter's.....	208	12 18	3 00	15 18	A. S. Cook.
107	Eureka.....	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	H. S. Noble.
108	Rockland.....	..	..	3 00	3 00	J. B. Wayne.
109	Fentonville.....	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	D. Burrows.
110	Hiram.....	31	1 86	3 00	4 86	W. A. Chamberlin.
111	Allegan.....	168	10 08	3 00	13 08	R. Updike.
112	Wayne.....	18	1 08	3 00	4 08	B. Hodgkinson.
113	Hamilton.....	122	7 36	3 00	10 36	J. H. Clow.
114	Blissfield.....	82	4 92	3 00	7 92	W. M. Corbit.
115	Corunna.....	87	4 62	3 00	7 72	S. B. Reynale.
116	Excelsior.....	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	L. M. Powell.
117	Reading.....	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	A. B. Strong.

PAY ROLL—Session of 1864, at Detroit.

No.	LOGGERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
118	Schoolcraft, [.....	160	\$9 90	3 00	\$12 90	J. Strubel.
119	Rising Sun,	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	B. F. Chadwick.
121	Commerce,	87	2 22	8 00	5 22	T. A. Smith.
122	Ottawa,	175	10 50	2 00	12 50	Geo. Eastman.
123	Ithica,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	E. Peck.
124	Eagle,	147	8 82	3 00	11 82	W. M. Shane.
125	Fairfield,	78	4 68	3 00	7 68	J. Lowe.
126	Forest,	72	4 82	3 00	7 32	O. Dodge.
127	Ovid,	90	5 40	3 00	8 40	J. A. Potter.
128	Ypsilanti,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	W. Babcock.
129	Bay City,	129	7 26	3 00	10 26	N. B. Bradley.
130	Stockbridge,	74	4 64	3 00	7 64	C. G. Cool.
131	Newaygo,	200	12 00	3 00	15 00	J. H. Simmons.
132	Linden,	55	3 80	3 00	6 30	J. B. Hyatt.
133	Saline,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	E. B. Clark.
134	Holly,	55	3 30	3 00	6 30	C. M. Haven.
136	Pokagon,	184	11 04	3 00	14 04	J. Shingledecker.
137	Mendon,	180	10 80	2 00	12 80	John S. Weeks.
139	Grand Haven,	188	11 28	3 00	14 28	G. E. Hubbell.
140	Muskegon,	204	12 24	3 00	15 24	B. L. Piper.
141	Mystic,	140	8 40	3 00	11 40	C. R. Garrison.
U. D.	Memphis,	52	3 12	2 00	5 12	J. P. Quirk.
"	Manchester,	49	5 94	3 00	8 94	J. D. VanDuzen.
"	Russell,	60	5 60	3 00	6 60	G. Kirkland.
"	Saranac,	130	7 80	3 00	10 80	Wm. Dowlman.
"	Harmony,	48	2 88	3 00	5 88	Elisha Granger.
"	Dryden,	54	3 24	3 00	3 00	N. B. Eldridge, 2d.
"	Warren,	91	5 46	3 00	8 46	E. Caniff.
"	Maple Rapids,	114	6 84	3 00	11 84	Isaac Hewitt.
GRAND OFFICERS.						
	Grand Master,	170	10 20	3 00	13 20	J. E. JOHNSON.
	Deputy Grand Master,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	L. MOORE.
	Senior Grand Warden,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	M. AYERS.
	Junior Grand Warden,	143	8 58	3 00	11 58	A. T. METCALF.
	Grand Chaplain, .....	..	.. ..	..	25 00	D. B. TRACY.
	Grand Architect, .....	..	.. ..	..	3 00	W. BARCLAY.
	Grand Treasurer,	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	R. W. LANDON.
	Grand Visitor and Lect'r,	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	S. BLANCHARD.
	Senior Grand Deacon, .....	..	3 00	3 00	6 00	S. F. HUBBELL.
	Junior Grand Deacon, .....	..	.. ..	..	10 56	P. H. TAYLOR.
	Grand Marshal, .....	..	.. ..	..	3 00	J. P. WHITING.
	Grand Sword Bearer, .....	..	.. ..	..	3 00	O. BOURKE.
	Grand Pursuivant, .....	..	.. ..	..	3 00	H. METZ.
	Grand Steward and Tyler, .....	..	.. ..	..	30 00	C. D. HOWARD.

PAY ROLL—Session of 1864, at Detroit.

NAMES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
Special Committee,	47	\$3 80	3 00	\$5 80	D. C. Jacokes.
“ “	60	3 80	3 00	6 60	O. D. Conger.
“ “	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	H. McCurdy.
“ “		1 80	3 00	4 80	J. E. Marvin.
PAST GRAND MASTERS.					
G. C. Monro,	112	6 72	3 00	9 72	G. C. Monro.
Wm. M. Fenton,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	Wm. M. Fenton.
F. Darrow,				4 56	F. Darrow.
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REGULAR MEETINGS OF LODGES

ARE HELD EVERY MONTH, ON THE DAYS FOLLOWING *on or before* THE
FULL MOON, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
1 Wednesday.	54 Tuesday.	104 Tuesday.
2 Tuesday.	55 Wednesday.	105 Monday.
3 Monday.	56 Thursday.	106 Tuesday bef. ○
4 Tuesday bef. ○	57 Tuesday.	107 1st Tuesday.
5 Tuesday.	58 Thursday.	108 2d Wednesday.
6 Wednesday.	59 Wednesday bef. ○	109 Wednesday.
7 Friday.	60 Thursday.	110 Monday.
8 Wednesday bef. ○	61 Wednesday.	111 1st Wednesday.
9 Wednesday.	62 Thursday bef. ○	112 Monday.
10 Saturday.	63 Monday.	113 Wednesday.
11 Monday.	64 Friday.	114 Tuesday.
12 Tuesday.	65 Friday.	115 Tuesday.
13 Tuesday.	66 Wednesday bef. ○	116 1st Friday.
14 3d Monday.	67 2d Tuesday.	117 Wednesday bef. ○
16 Thursday.	68 Friday.	118 Monday.
17 2d and 4th Thursd.	69 Friday.	119 Wednesday.
18 1st Tuesday.	70 Wednesday.	120 Wednesday bef. ○
19 Wednesday.	73 Saturday.	121 Thursday
20 Friday.	74 Tuesday.	122 Thursday.
21 Friday.	75 Monday bef. ○	123 Wednesday.
22 Wednesday.	76 Tuesday.	124 Tuesday.
23 Monday.	77 Tuesday.	125 Saturday bef. ○
24 Saturday.	78 Thursday bef. ○	126 Tuesday.
25 Tuesday.	79 Saturday	127 Friday
26 Monday.	80 Friday	128 Thursday.
27 Wednesday.	81 Wednesday.	129 Wednesday
28 Saturday.	82 Tuesday	130 Thursday.
29 Tuesday.	83 Thursday.	131 Thursday.
30 Tuesday.	84 Saturday.	132 Tuesday bef. ○
31 Tuesday.	85 Wednesday.	133 Tuesday.
32 Tuesday.	86 Tuesday.	134 Friday.
33 Thursday.	88 Wednesday.	135 1st Tuesday.
34 Wednesday.	89 Wednesday.	136
35 Friday bef. ○	90 Tuesday bef. ○	137 Thursday.
36 Wednesday.	91 Thursday	138 Saturday bef. ○
37 Monday.	92 Saturday.	139 Wednesday.
38 Wednesday.	93 Wednesday.	140 Monday.
39 Wednesday.	94 Monday.	141 Saturday.
40 Friday.	95 Tuesday.	142 Saturday.
41 Thursday bef. ○	96 Monday.	143 Thursday.
44 Thursday.	97 Monday.	144 Thursday.
46 Thursday.	98 Monday.	145 Tuesday.
47 Friday.	99 Tuesday.	146 Monday.
48 Tuesday.	100 Wednesday.	147 Thursday.
49 Monday.	101 1st Tuesday.	148 Monday.
50 1st and 3d Weds.	102 Wednesday.	149 Saturday.
51 Monday.	103 Monday.	150 Wednesday.
52 Wednesday.		

U. D.—Farmington, Wednesday; Redford, Friday.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

In Correspondence with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan,

WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama, - - - -	Daniel Sayre, - - - -	Montgomery.
Arkansas, - - - -	T. D. Merrick, - - - -	Little Rock.
California, - - - -	Alex. G. Abell, - - - -	San Francisco.
Canada, - - - -	Thomas B. Harris, - - - -	Hamilton, C. W.
Connecticut, - - - -	L. E. Hunt, - - - -	Hartford.
Colorado, - - - -	O. A. Whittemore, - - - -	Colorado City.
Delaware, - - - -	Benjamin H. Ogle, - - - -	Delaware City.
District of Columbia, - - - -	W. Morris Smith, - - - -	Washington.
Florida, - - - -	John B. Taylor, M. D., - - - -	Tallahassee.
Georgia, - - - -	Simri Rose, - - - -	Macon.
Illinois, - - - -	Harman G. Reynolds, - - - -	Springfield.
Indiana, - - - -	Francis King, - - - -	Indianapolis.
Iowa, - - - -	T. S. Parvin, - - - -	Iowa City.
Kentucky, - - - -	J. M. S. McCorkle, - - - -	Greensburg.
Kansas, - - - -	E. T. Carr, - - - -	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana, - - - -	Samuel L. Todd, - - - -	New Orleans.
Maine, - - - -	Ira Berry, - - - -	Portland.
Maryland, - - - -	Fred. Woodworth, - - - -	Baltimore.
Massachusetts, - - - -	Charles W. Moore, - - - -	Boston.
Missouri, - - - -	A. O'Sullivan, - - - -	St. Louis.
Mississippi, - - - -	R. W. T. Daniel, - - - -	Natchez.
Minnesota, - - - -	George W. Prescott, - - - -	St. Paul.
New Hampshire, - - - -	Horace Chase, - - - -	Hopkinton.
New Jersey, - - - -	Joseph H. Hough, - - - -	Trenton.
New York, - - - -	James M. Austin, M. D., - - - -	New York.
North Carolina, - - - -	William T. Bain, - - - -	Raleigh.
Nebraska, - - - -	R. C. Jordan, - - - -	Omaha.
Ohio, - - - -	John D. Cadwell, - - - -	Cincinnati.
Oregon, - - - -	William S. Caldwell, - - - -	Hillsboro'.
Pennsylvania, - - - -	William H. Adams, - - - -	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island, - - - -	Thomas A. Doyle, - - - -	Providence.
South Carolina, - - - -	A. G. Mackey, M. D., - - - -	Charleston.
Tennessee, - - - -	Charles A. Fuller, - - - -	Nashville.
Texas, - - - -	A. S. Ruthven, - - - -	Galveston.
Virginia, - - - -	John Dove, M. D., - - - -	Richmond.
Vermont, - - - -	Henry Clark, - - - -	Poultney.
Wisconsin, - - - -	William T. Palmer, - - - -	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory, - - - -	T. F. McElroy, - - - -	Olympia.
Grand Orient of France, - - - -	Adolphe Perriere, - - - -	Paris.

List of Grand Officers for the Year 1864.

NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

LOVELL MOORE, Grand Rapids	Grand Master.
W. T. MITCHELL, Port Huron	Deputy Grand Master.
A. T. METCALF, Kalamazoo	Senior Grand Warden.
A. PARTRIDGE, Birmingham	Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. D. B. TRACY, Petersburg	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES FENTON, Detroit	Grand Secretary.
B. W. LANDON, Niles	Grand Treasurer.
S. BLANCHARD, Tecumseh	Grand Visitor and Lecturer.
W. BARCLAY, Detroit	Grand Architect.
D. A. WRIGHT, Austin	Senior Grand Deacon.
D. H. BAKER, Fentonyville	Junior Grand Deacon.
J. P. WHITING, Detroit	Grand Marshal.
C. J. KRUGER, Grand Rapids	Grand Sword Bearer.
HENRY METZ, Detroit	Grand Pursuivant.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, Detroit	Grand Steward and Tiler.

. THE NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the second Wednesday in January, 1865, at the City of Detroit.

It is indispensable that Secretaries forward the Returns of their Lodges before the Session.

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OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, and the resolution of the last session, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (11th,) A. L. 5865.

PRESENT:

M. W. LOVELL MOORE,	. . .	GRAND MASTER.
R. W. W. T. MITCHELL,	. . .	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
W. A. T. METCALF,	. . .	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" A. PARTRIDGE,	. . .	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" REV. D. B. TRACY,	. . .	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
" JAMES FENTON,	. . .	GRAND SECRETARY.
" R. W. LANDON,	. . .	GRAND TREASURER.
" S. BLANCHARD,	. . .	GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.
" W. BARCLAY,	. . .	GRAND ARCHITECT.
" D. A. WRIGHT,	. . .	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
" D. H. BAKER,	. . .	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
" J. P. WHITING,	. . .	GRAND MARSHAL.
" C. J. KRUGER,	. . .	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
" HENRY METZ,	. . .	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
CHARLES D. HOWARD,	. . .	GRAND STEWARD AND TYLER.

At High Twelve the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. D. B. TRACY, W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers WM. WALKER, H. SAUNDERS, and C. J. KRUGER, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit:

- No. 1—*Zion*—E. G. Allen, W. M. ; H. Johnson, S. W. ; J. Hepburn, J. W.
- No. 2—*Detroit*—J. Stirling, W. M. ; W. F. Moore, S. W. ; A. Rohns, J. W. ; O. Bourke, L. P. M.
- No. 3—*Union of S. O.*—J. P. Fiske, W. M. ; J. B. Bampton, Rep. S. W. ; Geo. B. Adams, J. W. ; Ed. LeFavour, L. P. M.
- No. 4—*St. Joseph Valley*—C. J. Howard, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 5—*Rochester*—J. V. Lambertson, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 6—*Mt. Clemens*—R. P. Eldredge, W. M. ; H. Cartter, Rep. S. W. and J. W.
- No. 7—*Washington*—A. D. Eldred, W. M., and Rep. of S. W. ; C. F. Aldridge, J. W.
- No. 8—*Trenton*—Henry Saunders, W. M. ; Geo. B. Carroll, S. W. ; C. H. Saunders, J. W. ; A. McIlhinney, L. P. M.
- No. 9—*Evergreen*—D. D. Odell, W. M., and Rep. of S. W. ; S. Bendit, J. W.
- No. 10—*Dowagiac*—W. H. Campbell, Rep. of W. M., and S. W. ; Daniel Henderson, S. W.
- No. 11—*Pine Grove*—E. W. Harris, W. M. ; M. Frank, S. W. ; E. J. Juslee, J. W.
- No. 12—*Battle Creek*—T. H. Tracy, W. M. ; H. B. Powell, S. W. ; C. F. Bock, J. W.
- No. 13—*Phoenix*—E. C. Jenner, W. M. ; J. J. Cox, S. W. ; D. Edwards, Rep. of J. W. ; E. Bogardus, L. P. M.
- No. 14—*Murat*—F. W. Sheldon, W. M., and Rep. of J. W. ; W. V. Mormon, Rep. of S. W.
- No. 16—*Lafayette*—Geo. Knapp, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 17—*Jackson*—B. Porter, W. M. ; J. B. Tomlinson, L. P. M., and Rep. of S. W. and J. W.

- Co. 18—*Tyre*—D. Bovee, W. M. ; O. O. Graham, Rep. of S. W. ;
S. L. Dart, L. P. M.
- Co. 19—*Adrian*—Geo. H. Miller, W. M. ; John W. Finch, S. W. ;
W. W. Douglass, J. W. ; W. F. King, L. P. M.
- Co. 20—*St. Albans*—H. A. Tillotson, L. P. M., Rep. of W. M.
and S. W. ; H. R. Ball, J. W.
- Co. 21—*Pontiac*—F. Darrow, W. M., and P. G. M. ; J. P. Foster,
S. W. ; H. N. Smith, J. W. ; M. Walter, L. P. M.
- Co. 22—*Kalamazoo*—G. M. Bushnell, W. M. ; R. Hobbs, S. W. ;
F. Strimbeck, J. W.
- Co. 23—*Flint*—A. Randall, W. M. ; A. J. Dense, S. W. ; G. F.
Hood, J. W. ; W. M. Fenton, L. P. M., and P. G. M.
- Co. 24—*Mt. Hermon*—James J. Dressler, W. M., and Rep. of
Lodge.
- Co. 25—*Paw Paw*—H. L. Eggleston, Rep. of Lodge.
- Co. 26—*Mason*—F. D. Beach, W. M. ; J. J. Hogaboam, S. W. ;
O. A. Sumner, J. W.
- Co. 27—*Monroe*—H. S. Savage, W. M. ; F. Raleigh, Rep. of S. W.
and J. W.
- Co. 28—*Union*—A. B. Aiken, Rep. of Lodge.
- Co. 29—*Humanity*—G. H. Cook, Rep. of Lodge.
- Co. 30—*Concord*—A. J. Paddock, W. M. ; A. W. Reynolds, Rep.
of S. W. and J. W.
- Co. 31—*Portland*—Geo. Hill, Sr., Rep. S. W. ; Wm. H. White, J.
W., and Rep. of W. M.
- Co. 32—*Fidelity*—J. H. Haydon, Rep. of Lodge.
- Co. 33—*Lansing*—Geo. W. Peck, P. G. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- Co. 34—*Grand River*—John W. Champlain, W. M. ; Ed. Mohl, S.
W. ; C. J. Kruger, J. W. ; L. A. Rogers, L. P. M.
- Co. 35—*Siloam*—T. G. Green, W. M. ; D. E. Wilson, S. W. ; S.
C. Coffinbury, Rep. of J. W.
- Co. 36—*Ionia*—P. B. Haight, W. M. ; E. P. Worden, Rep. S. W. ;
A. A. Geck, J. W.
- Co. 37—*Lyons*—Lewis Briscoe, J. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- Co. 38—*Howell*—M. L. Gay, W. M.
- Co. 39—*Western Star*—Ethan P. Brown, Rep. of Lodge.
- Co. 40—*Franklin*—Isaac Vanderwater, Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 41—*Romeo*—S. W. Belles, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 44—*Birmingham*—A. Partridge, W. M.; B. Beardsley, J. W.; F. Fielding, Rep. of S. W.
- No. 45—*Orion*—Jos. P. West, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 47—*Plymouth Rock*—John M. Ward, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 48—*Austin*—B. Cogshall, W. M.; W. P. Warner, Rep. of S. W.; D. B. Horton, J. W.
- No. 49—*Meridian Sun*—C. Jacobs, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 50—*Michigan*—C. Warriner, W. M.; G. W. Buckland, J. L. Mitchell, L. P. M., and Rep. of J. W.
- No. 51—*Almont*—Dewitt Hallock, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 52—*Hastings*—Wm. S. Goodyear, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 54—*Lapeer*—H. K. White, W. M.; N. B. Eldredge, W. and J. W.
- No. 55—*Backus*—Henry Teitsort, W. M., and Rep. of S. W.; W. Clisbee, J. W.
- No. 56—*Occidental*—Levi S. Mann, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 57—*Three Rivers*—D. M. Bateman, W. M.; Ezra Colburn, Rep. of S. W.; John Cowling, Rep. of J. W.
- No. 58—*Pt. Huron*—H. Williams, E. M. Cady, Reps. of Lodge.
- No. 59—*Climax*—L. W. Lovell, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 60—*Cedar*—H. T. Hirsh, W. M.; J. T. Peters, S. W.; Rep. of J. W.
- No. 61—*Lexington*—A. M. Clark, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 62—*S. Ward*—W. H. Pringle, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 63—*Eaton Rapids*—James Gallery, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 64—*Macomb*—Henry Bennett, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 65—*Washtenaw*—A. D. Crane, W. M.; Israel Bailey, Luther Palmer, J. W.; G. H. Lyon, L. P. M.
- No. 66—*Capital of S. O.*—J. W. Barker, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 67—*Ontonagon*—J. B. Wayne, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 68—*Buchanan*—W. S. Newell, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 69—*Tecumseh*—D. Woodward, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 70—*Mason*—Peter Low, Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; G. Huntington, J. W.
- No. 73—*Colon*—A. J. Kinnee, W. M. and Rep. of J. W.; S. Greenwood, S. W.; M. W. Alfred, L. P. M.

- No. 74—*Dundee*—D. F. Wilcox, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 75—*Utica*—P. A. Knight, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 76—*Livingston*—M. F. Darrow, W. M.; J. W. Hinchey, Rep. of S. W.; Truman Webb, Rep. of J. W.
- No. 77—*Saginaw*—Wm. L. Webber, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 78—*Osseo*—O. Eaton, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 80—*Byron*—Warren Clough, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 81—*Owosso*—J. L. Quackenbush, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 82—*Lake St. Clair*—R. H. Kern, W. M.; Lewis Rose, Rep. S. W.; Albert Perkins, J. W.
- No. 83—*Bellevue*—M. S. Brackett, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 84—*Oxford*—P. T. Morris, W. M.; L. Stanton, S. W.; G. S. Pierce, L. P. M.
- No. 85—*Ann Arbor*—Charles Boylan, W. M.; Conrad Kraff, S. W.; Thos. Taylor, J. W.; John N. Gott, L. P. M.
- No. 86—*Valley City*—W. K. Wheeler, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 88—*Buller*—A. Lampman, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 89—*Myrtle*—L. J. Ford, W. M.; A. P. Young, Rep. S. W.; R. Van Wormer, J. W.
- No. 90—*Lowell*—E. R. Craw, W. M.; S. Brown, John Krum.
- No. 91—*Ashlar*—R. Bulman, W. M.; James Finlater, S. W.; Wm. Vesey, J. W.
- No. 92—*Prairie*—A. B. Sumner, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 93—*Star*—Samuel S. Hinkle, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 94—*Charity*—J. P. Whiting, W. M.; J. D. Weir, S. W.; J. W. Gilbert, J. W.; Wm. Walker, L. P. M.
- No. 95—*J. Moor's*—W. Sutton, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 96—*Greenville*—Wm. Maxsted, W. M.; L. H. Pratt, S. W.
- No. 97—*Niles*—D. D. Robinson, W. M.; Wm. Hodgkinson, J. W.
- No. 98—*Waterford*—F. W. Fifield, W. M.; W. K. Vansickle, S. W.; Fred Bradley, J. W.
- No. 99—*Decatur*—H. Canoll, W. M., and Rep. of J. W.
- No. 100—*Oakwood*—Geo. D. Cowden, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 102—*Blanchard*—Wm. Corbin, W. M., Rep. of S. W. and J. W.
- No. 103—*Greenly*—W. L. Mills, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 104—*White Pigeon*—G. Depuy, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 105—*St. Johns*—W. W. Brainard, Rep. of W. M.; J. W. Bromley, J. W.
- No. 106—*St. Peters*—J. B. Thomas, W. M., and Rep. of J. W.; S. L. Beardsley, S. W.; A. S. Cook, L. P. M.
- No. 107—*Eureka*—Edward Willetts, Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; Joseph Hurd, J. W.
- No. 108—*Rockland*—J. B. Wayne, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 109—*Fentonville*—W. Dunham, W. M., and Rep. of S. W.; J. E. Carver, J. W.; D. Burrows, L. P. M.
- No. 110—*Hiram*—H. W. Lawrence, H. W. Lobdell, W. A. Chamberlin, Reps. of Lodge.
- No. 111—*Allegan*—C. M. Hawks, J. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 112—*Wayne*—C. T. Barnard, W. M.; James Traverse, Rep. of S. W.; E. McMillan, J. W.
- No. 113—*Hamilton*—Orrin Fowler, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 114—*Blissfield*—W. M. Clement, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 115—*Corunna*—Seth Pettibone, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 116—*Excelsior*—L. M. Power, W. M.; John Anderson, S. W.; L. J. David, J. W.
- No. 117—*Reading*—A. P. Strong, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 118—*Schoolcraft*—John Struble, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 119—*Rising Sun*—S. G. Mather, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 120—*Charlotte*—E. S. Lacey, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 121—*Commerce*—S. A. Smith, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 122—*Ottawa*—J. W. Barnard, W. M.; Aden Wagner, S. W.
- No. 123—*Ithica*—Elijah Peck, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 124—*Eagle*—W. F. Fowler, Rep. of S. W.
- No. 125—*Fairfield*—F. Grandy, Rep. S. W. and J. W.
- No. 126—*Forest*—O. Dodge, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 127—*Ovid*—John A. Potter, W. M.; W. A. Faxon, S. W.
- No. 128—*Ypsilanti*—J. E. Marvin, Rep. of W. M.; E. M. Cole, S. W.; H. W. Jackson, J. W.; W. Babcock, L. P. M.
- No. 129—*Bay City*—John S. Judson, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 130—*Stockbridge*—C. G. Cool, W. M.; W. M. Stephenson, S. W.; W. C. Nicholls, J. W.
- No. 131—*Newaygo*—James Herron, W. M., and Rep. of S. W.; Rev. A. St. Clair, J. W.

- No. 132—*Linden*—J. B. Hyatt, W. M.; A. H. Beach, S. W.; Geo. Murray, J. W.
- No. 133—*Saline*—George W. Hall, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 134—*Holly*—D. Seeley and A. P. Waldo, Reps. of Lodge.
- No. 135—*Quincy*—James Fenton, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 136—*Pokagon*—J. A. Shingledecker, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 137—S. A. Wallace, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 138—*Port Hope*—C. B. Cottrell, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 139—*Grand Haven*—W. H. Parks, J. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 140—*Muskegon*—C. T. Hills, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 141—*Mystic*—Mylo Clark, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 142—*Memphis*—R. P. King, W. M.; J. P. Quick, S. W.; L. G. Sperry, L. P. M.
- No. 143—*Harmony*—Jno. S. Smith, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 144—*Russell*—Geo. Kirkland, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 145—*Maple Rapids*—Isaac Hewett, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 146—*Boston*—E. Pratt, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 147—*Warren*—Enoch Canniff, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 148—*Manchester*—J. D. VanDuyn, W. M.; J. D. Gilman, Rep. of S. W.; Andrew Robinson, Rep. of J. W.
- No. 149—*United*—E. H. Glenn, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 150—*Dryden*—Jacob C. Lamb, Rep. of S. W. and J. W.; N. B. Eldredge, L. P. M.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in
AMPLE FORM.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons, in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

I am happy to meet so many of you here to-day. Another year has passed away since last we here met around this sacred altar. During that period how often have we been reminded of our Masonic representation of the checkered ground floor of King Solomon's temple. What a true type that was of human life, checkered with good and evil. One day we experience the frowns of Deity, and find our political horizon o'erspread with thick darkness, our dwellings draped in mourning, and filled with gloom. The next day we are forcibly reminded of the signification of that hieroglyphic emblem, the blazing star in the center of the mosaic pavement. Providence again seems to smile upon us, the sun breaks through and disperses the black clouds, and the brightness of to-day wisely makes us measurably forget the gloomy darkness of yesterday. And thus checkered and diversified has been our experience, as citizens of a great nation, especially during the past year.

Since last we here met many of our well-beloved brethren, with whom we were accustomed to interchange fraternal greetings, have been summoned by the Supreme Grand Master to lay down their working tools in this earthly temple, and to carry up their last work for the final inspection of the Master Overseer in the Grand Lodge above; and I confidently trust that their bereaved widows and

orphans, with whom we deeply sympathize in their afflictive bereavement, will never have occasion to regret that their deceased relatives were members of our fraternity.

But, turning from the dark side of the vicissitudes of fate, we find very much for which we ought, and I doubt not are, truly thankful. While a terrible war has been fiercely raging throughout our common country, yet within our jurisdiction its horrors and devastations have been comparatively unknown. We have also escaped unusual sickness; the labor of the husbandman has been blessed, and our storehouses and larders are well supplied; and our ancient institution of Masonry was never in a more harmonious and prosperous condition than it has been during the past year. The beauties of Masonry have heretofore never shone forth with that dazzling brilliancy as at the present day; our broad mantle of charity has been gazed upon with admiration by the uninitiated, and thousands who have heretofore denounced the institution have been anxiously knocking at our doors for admission. Our Lodges have been thronged with craftsmen, and an unprecedented number of rough ashlar dressed out, and so far as I have been able to judge, (and I have personally inspected much of the work,) the material has generally been good, and the workmanship such as I doubt not will meet your approbation.

We now number within our jurisdiction one hundred and fifty chartered Lodges, and seventeen working U. D., with an aggregate membership of —.

The business of our present Annual Communication, I trust, will be light and pleasant. As usual, it will be to unitedly offer up our adorations to our Heavenly Father, cultivate the social virtues, interchange fraternal greetings, inspect the work of the subordinate Lodges, and draw our designs on our trestle-board for future action. And to facilitate your labors I will, according to usual custom, lay before you a synopsis of some few of the most important of my official acts, together with some of the proceedings, regular and irregular, of the subordinate Lodges.

My correspondence has been unusually extensive, and but a small portion of which will be necessary for me to communicate at present, and should I omit any important subject upon which I have

acted, the parties particularly interested can make it known will most cheerfully reply to them. At least nine-tenth questions propounded to the Grand Master the Masters are able to answer correctly themselves, and would be had it not for the unwise practice of so frequently changing Masters. Still, if a Master has any doubts upon any important question of jurisprudence, it is commendable in him to seek for information through the Grand Master, whose duty it is to give all the aid in his power, and which I have most cheerfully endeavored to do in every case presented, and my errors in judgment it will be the province to correct.

Among my first official acts, as your Grand Master, I have complied with a resolution passed at the last session, by which the Grand Master was "*requested to send his mandate to the several Lodges, requiring a strict compliance with the rules adopted in the keys; and to require the W. Masters of Lodges to report thereon in the premises,*" etc., which I caused to be done through our Secretary, under date of January 16th, last, a copy of which is herewith submitted. And although quite a large number of Masters have failed to comply with said mandate, (the number to whom I can give, if required,) yet I rejoice to say that a large majority of those who have complied reported that there was a unanimous vote to strictly comply with the requirements contained in the "circular." But many have expressed their doubts as to the expediency of requiring the brethren to surrender up their property to be destroyed, without remuneration, and especially those who they had purchased of and by the recommendation of our Grand Lodge, at considerable expense. Quite a large number reported that they had ever considered the printing and distribution of "circulars" a violation of the Masonic obligation, and expressing a hope that a final stop would now be put to it throughout this jurisdiction. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the Masonic heart is still beating in unison upon this important subject.

One Lodge returned to me the "circular," with a copy of which the following is a copy:

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* * * * * Mich., March 22, 1864.

M. W. G. M. LOVELL MOORE, Grand Rapids:

Dear Sir and Bro.:—The enclosed circular was received by mail by the W. M. of this Lodge, but as there was neither seal nor signature to authenticate the document, the Secretary was, by vote of the Lodge, directed to send the same to you to learn whether it was genuine.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

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Secretary.

This I considered to be too nice technical special pleading for me to attempt to enlighten my worthy Brother, the W. M. of that Lodge upon. I therefore made no reply, and for which I hope he will pardon me, as I believe it is the only communication which I have neglected to answer.

Brethren, as we have now engaged in the long neglected duty of making a final disposition of the contraband articles termed keys, what should be our continued action in regard to the organization of a society within our Lodges, the basis, yes, the whole foundation of which rests upon "*mnemonics*." For be assured, that society "is not dead, but (only) sleepeth."

Thanks for the wisdom that guided the action at our last session, when, without a dissenting voice, that Grand Body placed its heel upon the neck of the monster before it had time to sow the seeds of discord to any considerable extent within this jurisdiction. And now, brethren, as our sails are bent, and the ship on her right course, we have only to stand firm, keep a steady hand at the helm, and there will be no more danger from that source.

Brethren, I think I can already perceive in this, as it has often been in other cases, that an evil which is to be deprecated, and not for a moment countenanced, is often productive of some of our greatest blessings. The subject of "keys" has been too long winked at, tampered with, and even (though silently) countenanced by our Grand Lodge. Inquire of any well-informed old Mason of thirty, forty, or fifty years' standing, and he will tell you with what consternation and horror he was struck at the first appearance of printed keys scattered through our Lodges, made and distributed by Masons. At first this was done somewhat secretly, and perhaps not

altogether for a pecuniary consideration ; but still, shut out the fact as we would, we felt an inward consciousness that violation of our most solemn Masonic obligations. Forty we were expressly taught that no record of any word, syllable or character of esoteric Masonry was ever, under any circumstance to be made, printed or written, except by an unseen penman at the heart of a Mason. But as time rolled on, and even our Grand Lodge negatively countenanced the practice, it by degrees laid aside its former covering of secrecy, and its authors multiplied, and it was publicly, for the sole purpose of money-making, to have thousands of tracts and articles printed and publicly and openly sold and distributed, and so extensive and lucrative had the practice become that some of our most eminent brethren could not withstand temptation, and became the peddlers of this foul trash. And thus it might have gone on unchecked, until the evil would have become uncontrollable and incurable, had not our eyes been opened by the "Conservators." This opened our eyes, and we gazed with astonishment at the extent of our departures from the ancient landmarks of our order. And I earnestly beseech you, my brethren, as you have actively and unanimously taken hold of this important matter, that you will not cease your commendable efforts until the last vestige of this foul innovation is effectually destroyed and buried beyond the possibility of a resurrection.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGES

At an early period of my administration I received notice from the Masters of the several Lodges chartered at the last session (excepting one,) informing me that they had severally held their elections, agreeably to an edict of the Grand Lodge, and elected their officers, and awaited my motion for the constitution and consecration of their Lodges, and the installation of their officers, and the same was caused to be done, as follows, to wit :

By myself, in person, Boston Lodge, No. 146, January 26.

" " " Maple Rapids Lodge, No. 145, February 10.

BY PROXY.

By R. W. D. G. M. MITCHELL, Memphis Lodge, No. 142, February 10.

" " " Harmony Lodge, No. 143, March 10.

By R. W. D. G. M. MITCHELL, Dryden Lodge, No. 150, March 2.

By Rev. D. B. TRACY, G. C., Russell Lodge, No. 144, March 15.

By W. S. G. W. METCALF, United Lodge, No. 149, February 9.

By P. M. GRENNELL, Warren Lodge, No. 147, February 18.

By myself; Manchester Lodge, No. 148, March 30.

The above named grand officers and brethren will please accept my thanks for their services so satisfactorily rendered.

Manchester Lodge being one of the new chartered Lodges, and not having heard from them, on the 14th of March I addressed them a brief note, informing them that I had not heard from them since the last session of the Grand Lodge, and requested them to report to me their proceedings. In answer to which they informed me that they had held their election, and were waiting for Bro. BLANCHARD to come and install the officers, etc.

Not feeling satisfied with the answer, as I had not appointed nor been requested to appoint a proxy for that purpose, I immediately wrote that I would shortly visit their Lodge, either in person or by proxy. Accordingly, March 30, I went to Manchester, saw the Master elect and the brethren in their Lodge room, called for their records, where I found to my surprise that they had been holding weekly meetings ever since receiving their charter, the officers elect officiating, at which meetings they initiated five candidates, passed two, and raised five, and had several petitions under consideration. All of this they had done innocently and ignorantly. I at once informed them that all of their work, except the election of officers, was irregular and illegal, and that the persons upon whom they had thus illegally conferred the degrees I could not recognize as regularly made Masons; and entertaining some doubts as to the course I ought to pursue, I retired, promising to meet them again in the evening. I then took a general view of their case; they had some thirty members, worthy and intelligent gentlemen, a Lodge situated in a flourishing village, surrounded by a rich agricultural community, a commodious Lodge room, well furnished, and a beautiful set of collars, jewels, etc., and after a consultation with several of the worthy old members, I met them in the evening and duly constituted their Lodge and installed their officers. I then left them, promising to write them what to do with their illegal work, and on the 5th of April I wrote the W. M. as follows, to wit:

DEAR SIR AND W. BRO.:

I have duly considered your Lodge affairs, and have come to the following conclusion: *First*, you must correct your records by expunging all of your records, from the session of the Grand Lodge at which your Lodge was constituted and officers installed, excepting the record of the election of officers. *Second*, the persons upon whom you have conferred the several degrees prior to the constitution of your Lodge, if not Masons made in a "regularly constituted Lodge," and could not be admitted as visitors in sister Lodges. I would request that you commence with them *de novo*, receive and refer their names to ballot for, and confer the degrees, and make up your records accordingly, and when done all will be right.

The W. M. of said Lodge subsequently replied, that they have complied with my requirements and suggestions, and that they are now working in harmony, etc., and from what I have since learned they are doing good work.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

During the past year I have granted special dispensations for the formation of fifteen new Lodges, by name, date, and as follows, to wit:

Feb'y 6, Saginaw Valley Lodge, in the city of Saginaw.

" 15, Salina Lodge, at Salina.

" 19, Wilmington Lodge, at Wilmington.

Mar. 9, Olive Lodge, at Chelsea.

" 28, Addison Lodge, at Addison.

Apr. 12, Star of the Lake Lodge, at South Haven.

June 13, North Newbury Lodge, at North Newbury.

July 27, Coloma Lodge, at Coloma.

" 30, Dansville Lodge, at Dansville.

Aug. 17, Golden Rule Lodge, at Ann Arbor.

" 18, Cass River Lodge, at Vassar.

Oct. 11, Fowlerville Lodge, at Fowlerville.

" 22, Milford Lodge, at Milford.

Dec. 21, Mt. Vernon Lodge, at Quincy.

" 28, Tracy Lodge, at Deerfield.

In addition to the foregoing, the dispensations of Farwell and Redford Lodges were continued by the Grand Lodge at its last session, making, in all, seventeen Lodges now U. D., each of which I presume, will make application at the present session for confirmation and their work, so far as I am informed, I doubt not will meet with success.

approbation. I therefore recommend them to your favorable consideration.

CHARTER DESTROYED.

On the 26th of December, I received a communication from Bro. MUNRO, W. M. of Lafayette Lodge, No. 16, saying that their elegant Lodge room, charter, jewels, etc., were all destroyed by fire, on the 23d inst. Loss, \$4,000, about half covered by insurance. Agreeably to his request, I at once issued my letter of special dispensation, authorizing and empowering the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of said Lodge to proceed with their work and Lodge business the same as they might masonically do under a regular charter, and that said dispensation should continue in force until the close of the present session of the Grand Lodge, unless sooner revoked.

I presume they will apply to you for another charter, and I recommend them to your favorable consideration, and that at least a charter be granted them without the usual Grand Lodge fee.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES.

The application for special dispensations to confer the several degrees, and particularly the first, in a shorter time, (after the reception of the candidate's petition,) than is permitted by our constitution, having become so numerous, I found it necessary at an early period of my administration to adopt a general rule by which I should be governed in such cases.

I am aware that the Grand Masters in several of the Grand Lodge jurisdictions have denounced the practice, and utterly refused to grant such dispensations in any case, and under any circumstances.

I am also aware that this prerogative of the Grand Master, like all others, may be abused and improperly exercised, but that is no reason why it should not be exercised at all.

This prerogative is one of the oldest and most ancient regulations of the order, and its object meritorious; and I can readily conceive that cases occasionally occur where even Masonic justice would require its exercise; and I have had many applications which I deemed to be such, and a great number which I denied, for the reason that, in my opinion, justice forbade instead of demanding it.

Some have, apparently, appeared to consider the power of the Grand Master as Grand Lodge merchandise, by paying the Grand Lodge fee of five dollars, it was his duty with to grant the desired dispensation, without showing any therefor.

Please notice an instance of this, (and I have had a number of similar import.)

Copy :

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed is five dollars, for which please send me a dispensation to confer the first degree on Mr. ———. Yours, etc., (Signed)

Copy of another :

M. W. GRAND MASTER:

Enclosed is fifteen dollars, for which please send me a special dispensation to confer the degrees on three soldiers. (Signed)

All such, of course, I denied, and upon a renewed application it often appeared that the candidate was under twenty-one years of age. In others, that his residence was not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge applying. Others were in a hurry to go to Idaho, California, or Canada, etc., etc.

Hence, I adopted the following as a general rule of procedure on the subject, to wit :

First, to deny all applications where the candidate was under twenty-one years of age, (under any circumstances.) *Second*, where the candidate had resided many years in the vicinity of the Lodge, and had made no application for admission until just about to leave home, showing clearly that he was influenced by selfish, mercenary motives, (without good reasons being given to the contrary.) *Third*, where the candidate does not reside within the jurisdiction of the Lodge applying. *Fourth*, where, for some strong reason why the time prescribed by the constitution and edicts should be dispensed with.

I have been as lenient in the discharge of this duty as the Masonic obligations would permit, and while, for reasons not specified, I have denied at least one-third of the applications, I have granted, perhaps, an unprecedented number, the Grand Lodge revenue for which you will find in the report of the Grand Secretary.

True, some few have manifested dissatisfaction at my strictness upon this subject, still, I cannot but think when they deliberately consider this difficult important subject, they will justify me in the course I have pursued in this part of my official duty.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

From the numerous interrogatories propounded to me, I find that the prerogatives of a Lodge U. D. are not sufficiently defined, so as to produce a uniformity of work and procedure. Writers upon Masonic jurisprudence materially disagree, and I have been unable to find any which I could fully reconcile with the fundamental principles upon which that subject is based.

MACKEY's treatise on Masonic law, as a whole, is probably as correct and safe a standard for our guidance as any now in print, and as such I can most cheerfully recommend it. But that a work of that magnitude should be faultless could hardly be expected, and with all due deference to the opinions of that able and learned brother, I am compelled to dissent to almost the whole he has written touching the prerogatives of a Lodge U. D.

He says, "The dispensation, or authority under which it acts, expressly specifies that the persons to whom it is given are allowed to congregate that they may ADMIT, ENTER, PASS, and RAISE Freemasons." "No other powers," he says, "are conferred, either by words or implication." And again, he says, "a dispensation is itself a setting aside of the law, and an exception to a general principle; it must, therefore, be construed literally: what is not granted in *express terms* is not granted at all, and, therefore, as nothing is said of the election of officers, no such election can be held." And then, in the very next sentence he contradicts his own theory, for he goes right on to say, "The Master may, however, and always does, for convenience, appoint a brother to keep the records," etc., "and may depute a brother to take charge of the funds, and *must, of course*, from time to time, appoint the Deacons and Tyler for the *necessary working of the Lodge*." No such powers are *expressed* in the dispensation.

He says, "A Lodge U. D. can make no by-laws, because it is not expressed in the dispensation."

Why is a literal construction any more binding in this the former, where he allows the *necessity* of a departure, because he says the former is "*necessary* for the working of the Lodge." I submit, from his own reasoning, a Lodge U. D. may, (though expressed in the dispensation,) do such acts as are "*necessary* for the working of the Lodge." In this I heartily coincide, and admit, are not certain by-laws *necessary* for the regular "working of the Lodge?" Without such, how is the time for holding the regular meetings to be fixed? What are to be the fees for conferring the degrees? How are petitions to be received and dispensed, balloting, etc., conducted? All of these are *necessary*, and must be done in order to "ADMIT, ENTER, PASS, and RAISE FREEMASONS." Still, he says, they can make no by-laws, because it is not authorized in the dispensation. I respectfully submit that, in contradiction to this doctrine, every dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge indirectly authorizes a Lodge U. D. to make by-laws. A dispensation therein usually reads as follows, to wit: "And I hereby authorize upon said Lodge," etc., "requiring of them to be present, their representatives or proxy, at the next ensuing annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and *have there* this letter of dispensation together with a copy of their by-laws and record of their proceedings for the inspection of the Grand Lodge."

Now, Bro. MACKEY to the contrary, with all due respect to any brother to inform me how a Lodge U. D. are to carry out their by-laws if they have no original.

But it is objected that they could have no by-laws, unless authorized by the Grand Lodge. This is true with chartered Lodges, but not when working U. D. The dispensation "constitutes them petitioners, and such others as they may Masonically associate with them, a regular, constitutional Lodge," etc. Now, they are in the state of probation, working on trial, and all of their work, including the making of by-laws, are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for it to approve or disapprove, and grant or not grant a charter, according to the merits of their work.

Again, he says, "A Lodge U. D. can elect no members." He says, "The Master and Wardens, who are named in the dispensation, are, in point of fact, the only persons recognized as cons-

the Lodge." This is clearly an error, for the dispensation constitutes all "the petitioners, (in no case less than seven,) and such others as they may Masonically associate with them, a regular Lodge." They are all thus recognized; hence, the question, How may they Masonically associate others with them? Is it not by "*admitting Freemasons*," which he admits they are authorized by their dispensation to do? Then, if they may "admit Freemasons," to what do they "*admit*" them, unless it be to *membership*? And can a person be Masonically initiated, or a brother admitted to membership, without a ballot and election? Then who have a right to ballot? only the W. M. and Wardens, or all the members thus constituted into a Lodge? To my mind the question cannot be solved, consistently with all Masonic regulations, only by allowing all the members, (as I term them,) to ballot.

Again, Bro. MACKAY says, "Nor are the persons made in a Lodge U. D. to be considered as members of the Lodge," but, he says, "they, however, become members of the Lodge as soon as it receives its warrant of constitution." How do they then become members? Without a ballot, or signing the by-laws? This is his theory. Now, if the persons thus made Masons do not become members of the Lodge while U. D., then they have not the right to ballot for any one to be initiated, or admitted into said Lodge, for none but *members* have the right of ballot, and if this doctrine is to prevail, a new chartered Lodge would find in a moment that their Lodge consisted of a large number of regular members, who had become such without each other's ballot or consent, and thus a discordant band constituted into a regular Lodge, half of whom, perhaps, would have been rejected had they been permitted to ballot as *members*.

And again, while Bro. MACKAY says that "only the W. M. and Wardens are recognized," what are the other four or more? for a Lodge of E. A. cannot Masonically be opened, or any business transacted therein, with a less number than seven, consisting of a W. M., S. and J. Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and S. and J. Deacons? Are not all of these to be recognized as members? Not by his theory.

Again, he says, "as nothing is said (in the dispensation) of the

election of officers, no such election can be held, and as there is no election, neither can there be any installation." This is true, but he does not give the correct reason why it is so. The reason is, this is obvious; there is no necessity for it. The Grand Master appointed the officers, and that appointment continues by the force of the dispensation during the existence of the same, and the officers so appointed require no installation to empower them to act; whereas, officers when duly elected have no legal existence until installed.

BRO. MACKEY thus restricts the prerogatives of a Lodge U. D. for the reason that the Grand Master can at any time revoke the dispensation under which they work. I do not see the force of this argument, nor any reason why it would not apply with equal propriety to chartered Lodges. For it is true that he may at any time suspend or revoke the dispensation of the former, and it is also true that he can suspend the charter of the latter, and the Lodges both are equally closed until the Grand Lodge shall overrule the mandate, and permit them to resume their work. In my opinion, a Lodge U. D. is, for the time being, a regularly constituted Lodge. The dispensation so declares it to be, and any man who has been made a Mason therein may conscientiously take an oath "that he was made a Mason in a regularly constituted Lodge."

Perhaps some might, without reflection, suppose that the fifth of article three, of our constitution, restricted the rights of a Lodge U. D., and thereby draw an argument supporting BRO. MACKEY'S position, which says, "Lodges U. D. are considered merely as agents, and their officers are not privileged with a vote in the Grand Lodge," etc. This is for the reason that as soon as the representatives of a Lodge U. D. appear in the Grand Lodge with their dispensation, etc., as they are required to do, their existence as a Lodge at that moment ceases, and they consequently are recognized merely as agents to exhibit their work for inspection, and to make application for a continuance of their dispensation, or for a regular charter. And between that time and the granting of their charter and the institution of their Lodge, said Lodge has no existence, and consequently they have no Lodge to cast their votes for.

Therefore, after a somewhat extended examination of

ject, the only (to me) rational conclusion to which I have arrived is, that a lodge working U. D. has an inherent right to exercise all the prerogatives of a chartered Lodge, so far as are necessary for the whole internal working of their Lodge—according to the ancient rules adopted for the regulation of chartered Lodges—for the “admission, initiation, passing and raising Freemasons,” and for the general government of their Lodge.

Entertaining these views, I have therefore, upon inquiry being made of me, given, in substance, the following instructions to Masters of Lodges U. D., to wit:

Upon the receipt of the dispensation you will give due notice, congregate, and open your Lodge on the third degree. See that the altar is suitably furnished, and immediately appoint a Treasurer, Secretary, S. and J. Deacons, and Tyler, and see that they are properly instructed in the duties of their respective offices. You will next adopt a regular code of by-laws, specifying the time for holding your regular meeting, fees for initiation, etc., being careful that they do not conflict with the ancient charges and regulations of the order, or the constitution, laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge. Upon all applications for affiliation or initiation (meaning to *admit* or *initiate*) you will receive and refer them, and receive the report of committees in the usual manner. Upon spreading the ballots for the election of a candidate, every brother named in the dispensation has a right to ballot, being lawful *members* of your Lodge. And every brother, upon receiving the third degree, and every one elected to affiliation, has the inherent right to sign his name to your by-laws, and thereby become a member of your Lodge, and thereafter has the right of ballot, and the names of all whom you must cause your Secretary to return to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, at its next annual communication, as *members* of your Lodge.

I respectfully solicit your most careful and deliberate consideration of this important subject.

MILITARY LODGES.

On the 4th of April, I received a communication from the W. M. of Eureka Lodge No. 107, saying that a number of officers and soldiers, home on furlough, claimed to have taken the first and second

degrees of Masonry in a military Lodge at Grand Junction, in the State of Mississippi, working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and propounded the following questions :

Would it be proper to recognize them as Masons? and admit them into our Lodges on their passing the usual examination?

Answer—No; they were not made in a “regularly constituted Lodge.” No Grand Lodge or Grand Master can Masonically grant a dispensation to form a Lodge, and make Masons within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge. The State of Mississippi has a Grand Lodge of her own, and a Grand Lodge has supreme and exclusive jurisdiction within its territorial limits over all matters of ancient craft Masonry. This has been conceded so long that it has become one of the landmarks of the order. And if the Grand Lodge of Indiana may organize a Lodge, and make Masons in Mississippi, she may with equal right in Michigan, or within any other Grand Lodge jurisdiction; and what are her rights, are the rights of every other Grand Lodge; and, if countenanced and put in practice, would at once break up the very foundation upon which every Grand Lodge jurisdiction in this country is based. In my opinion, the dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was usurpation (unintentionally such, of course,) and an unjustifiable infringement upon the prerogatives of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. Consequently the Lodge working under that dispensation is illegal, and not a “regularly constituted Lodge,” and should be treated as clandestine, and persons initiated therein as clandestine Masons, and should not be recognized as regularly made Masons, within this jurisdiction.

This, I am confident, is the view we should take of it, if any Grand Lodge out of our jurisdiction should organize a Lodge, and make Masons in this State.

It should be looked to by all Masters of subordinate Lodges, and see that no countenance be given to such Lodges.

Among the ancient charges and regulations which every Master, at his installation, gives his assent to, reads as follows: “XIII. You admit that no new Lodge shall be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge, (that is, the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he is installed to work,) and that no countenance be given to an ir-

regular Lodge, or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, being contrary to the ancient charges of the order."

I have also received communications from several brethren of this jurisdiction in Virginia, informing me of a similar Lodge there, working under a dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge of D. C., which Lodge (our brethren write) "they are empowered, by the terms of said dispensation, to confer the three degrees of Masonry upon men from all parts of the loyal Union."

To each of whom I have replied (in substance) as above.

I most sincerely hope and pray, that each Grand Lodge in the United States will immediately take this subject into consideration, and fix upon some settled policy in this matter, in which we can all heartily harmonize and agree, and the equal rights of each Grand Lodge jurisdiction be preserved and respected, and that no contention shall be allowed to exist among us, "but that noble contention, rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

COB A. SHUBERT,
ads.
 VALLEY CITY LODGE No. 86, } *In Appeal.*

In this case it appears, by the records of said Lodge No. 86, certified by the Clerk, that complaint was made against the respondent, Jacob A. Shubert, a M. M., and member of said Lodge, for unmanly conduct, (lasciviousness,) and for which he was tried by said Lodge, and on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1863, was found guilty of the charge, and sentence of *indefinite* suspension was pronounced and recorded against him. From which decision the said Shubert, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1864, filed his bill of complaint, in the nature of an appeal, praying a reversal of said judgment, for reasons therein specified.

I have carefully examined the records and testimony in the case, furnished me under the seal of said Lodge, and find what would have been a fatal defect in the records. They do not show that the respondent was ever served with a copy of the charges preferred against him; nor that he was ever cited to answer to the same. But these defects are both cured by the admissions of the respondent in said bill of complaint. I consequently reviewed the testimony

introduced in the case, among which I find several irregularities in the admission of testimony, which should have been excluded. But, in my opinion, the admissions of the respondent to the committee appointed to labor with him, and other corroborating testimony, was sufficient to sustain the charge alleged against him, and warranted the Lodge in their finding and sentence. Neither do I consider the punishment inflicted greater than the offense demanded.

It is therefore my decision, that the judgment of said Lodge be affirmed ; and that said appeal be, and the same is dismissed.

All of the documents in the case are herewith respectfully submitted.

GRAND RIVER LODGE No. 34, }
 ^{vs.}
OTTAWA LODGE No. 122. }

On the 22d day of June, while in the State of Wisconsin, I received from the W. M. of Grand River Lodge No. 34, a communication, enclosing a written complaint and specifications, charging said Ottawa Lodge with having, on the 16th day of June, 1864, *knowingly* violated section seven, article five, of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, by initiating one HERTOG J. ENSEL, knowing that the said ENSEL was a resident of the city of Grand Rapids, and within the jurisdiction of said Grand River Lodge, and without the written consent, as required by the aforesaid article in the constitution. Upon the receipt of which, I immediately enclosed them to our R. W. D. G. M. W. T. MITCHELL, for him to act in the premises during my absence ; and he has since reported to me that on the 26th day of June he issued his peremptory mandate, restraining said Ottawa Lodge from proceeding any further with, or giving any further light in Masonry, to the said ENSEL, until further ordered, and also that he had caused a copy of the aforesaid charges to be furnished said Ottawa Lodge, together with a notice that said complaint would be laid before the Grand Lodge at its next session, for their final action, and for said Lodge to appear then and there and answer to the same. The receipt of all which is acknowledged by said Ottawa Lodge.

All of the documents and papers in the case are herewith submitted for your consideration.

LOSS OF MONEY BY MAIL.

In my extensive correspondence through the post-office, (being nearly one thousand,) I have not been informed of but two losses, as follows, to wit :

One from Eureka Lodge No. 107, (petition for dispensation,) which, I am informed, contained ten dollars, and has not been received.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge refund said amount to said Lodge.

October 8, I received a communication from Austin Lodge No. 48, saying that, on the 28th September, they mailed to me a petition for two dispensations and enclosed ten dollars. This was lost, and never arrived. But, on a renewed petition, I granted the dispensations without any fee.

ESOTERIC MASONRY.

As this Grand Lodge, many years since, adopted the Barney-work and lectures, as they were then termed, and meaning the Baltimore national work ; and again, at its last session, after mature deliberation, re-adopted it ; and, by a resolution, made it the duty of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Visitor and Lecturer, to procure, and place on file in the archives of the Grand Lodge, a correct copy of said work and lectures for future reference, etc. The question naturally arose, What was that work, and those lectures ? This question was of more difficult solution, for the reason that a great number of brethren, both in this and other jurisdictions, are in possession of keys made by BARNEY himself ; no two of which, that I have been able to find, (and I have examined many of them,) are exactly alike ; and many of them are widely different.

Our late venerable Bro., PHILIP C. TUCKER, for many years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, in his address in 1859, fully admits the fact, and explains the reasons why there was such a difference in BARNEY's keys. And, in a recent conference with the like venerable and talented CHAS. W. MOORE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, he corroborates the statements made by Bro. TUCKER.

I, therefore, before complying with said resolution, deemed it of great importance to ascertain, as far as possible, what that true work was, so that when once established, no alteration would be hereafter submitted to, by any one, from the youngest E. A. to the Grand Master, inclusive. And my own observation, for a few years past, has demonstrated the fact that there is a material difference between the work as recently taught and practiced in some of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and that of three, five, and ten years since. Some gross innovations have been introduced, which I am confident have no precedent outside of this jurisdiction, since the first building was erected in the city of Baltimore, and consequently could not be rightfully termed "Baltimore work." Among which were the following: * * * * *. These, and a few others of minor importance, I instructed our G. V. & L. to correct.

In order, therefore, to enable me to assist in preparing a correct and permanent standard of rituals for our future use, I have visited and witnessed an exemplification of the work, on the three several degrees; and heard all the lectures rehearsed, by some of the best ritualists in the States of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Illinois and Wisconsin. And among those of whom I sought for light, were Bros. COOLEGE, P. G. M., C. W. MOORE, G. Sec., and E. D. BANCROFT, G. Lecturer, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, each of whom are as highly polished, brilliant ashlar as can be found in the United States.

Bro. MOORE, it will be recollected, was on the committee at Baltimore, and reported the lectures and work, which BARNEY was authorized to teach, and ought to be considered as good authority for correcting any material discrepancy in the Barney-work.

In all the States I have visited, they claim to work the Baltimore work; and claim that that is the Webb-work, differing only in a few non-essentials, (which I can readily explain to you, if desired.)

And from all my researches, while I am of the opinion that a few corrections in our former work ought to be made, (and would not require scarce ten minutes to perfect,) still, as a whole, I believe the lectures and work as taught and practiced in this jurisdiction six or eight years since, and in many of our subordinate Lodges at the

essent day, to be as correct and free from errors as can be found within any jurisdiction in the United States.

Near the close of our last session, a select committee of five was appointed "to consider the whole subject of keys, and report a plan of action at the (then) next communication of the Grand Lodge." That committee, I presume, will now be ready to report, and may require any further action of the committee, consisting of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and G. V. & L., unnecessary. But if not, the last mentioned committee would ask for further time to make their report.

SUSPENSION OF A CHARTER.

It has fallen to my lot during the past year to perform one of the most painful duties of a Grand Master, that of suspending the charter of one of our subordinate Lodges, and what rendered it extremely unpleasant, was the fact that it was one of our oldest Lodges, and consisted of a very large number of as worthy and well-formed brethren as can be found within our jurisdiction; and while I hold that as much leniency as possible should be extended to the subordinate Lodges, and unintentional offenses committed, freely excused, yet where there is a gross violation of well-defined ancient landmarks, or the plain written constitution of the Grand Lodge, which everyone is bound to understand, the Grand Master could be recreant to the duty he owes to the fraternity did he not promptly and efficiently act so as to prevent a continuance of like offenses.

On the 23d of August, I received from Bro. FARNUM, W. M. Fidelity Lodge No. 82, a communication in substance, "that at a regular communication of his Lodge, in July last, during his absence, S. W. called to the chair a Past Master, and that a petition came from the committee, ballots were spread, and the candidate received a black ball. Another ballot showed the same result, and the candidate was declared rejected. Later in the evening, after some of the members had retired, a motion was made to reconsider the ballot, which passing *unanimously*, another ballot was had by which the candidate was elected, and was initiated to the E. A. degree; and immediately following he was balloted for the F. C. degree, without nomination or delay, and was elected, etc." Upon the receipt of

which, I immediately issued my official mandate, indefinitely suspending the charter of said Lodge, and I attached to said mandate the understanding that no action conceived to be well established Masonic law involved in the case was to be taken without my writ :

First—It is the prerogative of the W. M., by and through the Lodge, to order a second ballot when the ballots for the election of a candidate have been spread and collected, in case there is only one black ball, (supposes it may have been a mistake,) to *order* the ballot to be taken a second time—but this must in all cases be done before the members who were present at the first ballot have retired from the Lodge—and if the second ballot is foul, the prerogative of the Master is thereby exhausted in the case, and he should declare the candidate rejected ; and from that moment the candidate is dead, and if the candidate wishes further proceedings, he must commence *de novo* with a new petition, etc.

Second—A motion to re-consider a *ballot* is unnecessary and should never be entertained by the Master. In this particular case the Lodge committed a double offense. They not only illegally reconsidered the ballot, but done it after some of the members present at the first ballot had retired, and after the candidate had been declared rejected.

Third—The balloting for and the election of the candidate for the F. C. degree, without an examination in the Lodge, and a violation of ancient usage, and also of section nine, article three, (an amendment thereof,) of the constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Subsequent to the foregoing, I received a truly fraternal communication from our worthy W. M., and also one signed by four brethren of Fidelity Lodge aforesaid, both of whom had manifested a Masonic spirit, frankly confessing their error and acknowledging the justness of the mandate suspending them, and thereby satisfying me that none but good and sensible men would hereafter be allowed in their Lodge. I, therefore, acceded to their request, on the 10th day of September, issued a copy of the aforesaid mandate, and notified said Lodge that they would be reported for the action of the Grand Lodge, at its next annual communication.

All the papers in the case are herewith respectfully submitted for your consideration.

SUSPENSION OF A W. M. FROM OFFICE.

On the 10th day of October, complaint was made to me by the Wardens of Newaygo Lodge No. 131, that * * * * the W. of said Lodge, "for the greater part of the last two or three weeks had been grossly intoxicated," etc., and as similar complaints had been made during the past two years, and knowing *personally* that the brethren had patiently and faithfully labored for his reformation, without success, and although I have the charity to hope that he may yet be saved, still, that the reputation of the fraternity might be preserved, I deemed it necessary that he should be deposed from his responsible office; I therefore, on the day and year aforesaid, issued my official mandate, indefinitely suspending the said W. M. from the office of Master of said Lodge, and ordered the S. W., and in case of his absence, the J. W., to take in charge the charter, and at the time being, to discharge all the duties of Master of said Lodge.

A copy of said mandate, and the other papers in the case, are submitted herewith, for your consideration.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Among the numerous questions which have been propounded, and by me answered, are the following, in a greatly condensed form:

First—What are the requisites of a petition to the Grand Master for a special dispensation to confer degrees?

Answer—It should be under the seal of the Lodge, and signed by the Master, or by the Secretary, by his order. The name, age, residence and occupation of the candidate, and the reasons why a dispensation is deemed necessary, should be all fully stated, and with which the constitutional Grand Lodge fee, as specified in the Blue Book, should be enclosed, or the Grand Secretary's certificate for the same.

Second—Is it necessary that a special dispensation to confer degrees, or for the formation of a new Lodge, granted by the Grand Master, should be under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and attested by the Grand Secretary?

Answer—No. According to ancient usage the official signature and private seal of the Grand Master is all that is necessary in either case, it being his official executive act, and not the act of the Grand Lodge.

Third—A special dispensation having been granted by the Grand Master to confer a degree, and upon casting the ballots the candidate was rejected. Is he entitled to have the fee which he advanced for the dispensation refunded to him?

Answer—No. When a dispensation is granted and delivered, and the fee therefor paid, said fee becomes the property of the Grand Lodge, and it is no concern of the Grand Lodge whether said dispensation has been used or not.

Fourth—Can the Grand Master Masonically authorize any brother to issue dispensations, or to fill up blanks by him furnished?

Answer—No. The dispensing power is one of the prerogatives of the Grand Master by ancient usage, and he cannot delegate it to another. He alone is made the sole judge of the expediency of every particular case.

Fifth—Does a club-foot disqualify a man from being made a Mason, or what deformity does disqualify?

Answer—My opinion is that a candidate should be a perfect man, neither deformed nor dismembered, but in this jurisdiction I understand that some modification of the ancient rule has been allowed; therefore, my present decision is, that a candidate must be physically so perfect that he can readily place himself in every position required in conferring or receiving the several degrees, and performing all the work of a Lodge. I am aware that this rule often appears to operate hard and sometimes shut our doors against some of our most worthy citizens, but we must not let our sympathies, even for the most worthy man, make us forget our obligations to keep sacred the ancient land-marks of the Order, and physical perfection is one of the oldest and most clearly defined, and it is the special duty of every Master of a Lodge to see that the ancient land-marks are preserved.

Sixth—On the presentation to me of a petition for a dispensation to confer the degrees upon a candidate, (an officer in the army,) the following question was presented, to wit:

Is the Grand Master in this jurisdiction authorized, under any circumstances, to grant a special dispensation authorizing and empowering a subordinate Lodge to initiate a candidate under *twenty-one years of age*?

Answer—Emphatically, no. I am aware that my worthy predecessor granted a dispensation to make a minor a Mason, but I cannot reconcile it with the regulations of the fraternity, especially as taught in the United States. I believe that I should have an equal right to grant a dispensation to make a Mason of a woman, an old man in dotage, a mad man or a fool, as a young man in non-age. He is not of "lawful age."

Seventh—Would a Lodge be justified, under any circumstances, to re-initiate one who has been regularly initiated in another jurisdiction, for the purpose of evading the necessity of procuring permission from the Lodge where he was first initiated, for them to finish their work by passing and raising the candidate, or can the Grand Master grant a dispensation for that purpose?

Answer—No. Neither has the Grand Master authority to grant a dispensation for that purpose. It would be sanctioning a fraud by carrying up for inspection another's work, claiming it to be our own. A candidate can no more be re-initiated than an ashlar, after being partially dressed out, can be thrown back into the quarries and made to resume its natural rough state.

Eighth—By the W. M. of Greenville Lodge, No. 96, to wit:

At our last regular communication, the ballots were cast for the initiation of a candidate, and, upon enquiry, the J. and S. Wardens reported the ballots foul, and before the box reached me, (W. M.) a motion was made and carried that the ballot lie over until the next regular. There were two black balls in the box. Was the motion to lie over regular?

Answer—It was not. The master is to order the work, and he should not have entertained the motion. It was an infringement upon the prerogative of the Master, and it is my order that at your next regular you cause the record to be corrected, by expunging all relating to said motion, and declare the candidate rejected, *tunc pro nunc*, and cause it to be so entered of record.

A. was duly elected and installed Master of a Lodge, and served

one year; was then superceded by B., who was elected, and served for one term, when A. was again elected.

Question. Is it necessary that he should be again installed before he again assumes the prerogative of W. M.?

Answer—Yes; it is as necessary, as it was at his first election. It is a new election and requires a new installation upon principle that a new inauguration, oath, etc., is required of officers on their re-election. When a brother has been duly elected and installed Master of a Lodge, by that installation he is invested with all the rights and prerogatives of Master of that Lodge, until his term of office expires, (or he be otherwise removed). But at its termination, and upon his retiring from said office, those rights and prerogatives cease, and another and subsequent installation only can re-invest him with those rights and prerogatives. Section four, article five, of the constitution of this Grand Lodge provides that "the Master and S. and J. Wardens shall be elected by ballot," etc., and "they shall hold their office for one year, and until others are elected and installed in their stead." The installation is made as necessary as the election, and when all of these requisites are complied with, the former occupant of the office, by virtue of said provision in the constitution, is again installed.

Tenth—A. was duly elected and installed Master of a Lodge, officiated one year, and was then re-elected. Is it necessary that he should be re-installed?

Answer—Not absolutely necessary. But if not re-installed, he will continue to exercise the prerogatives of Master of said Lodge, not by virtue of his re-election, (for this without re-installation will avail,) but by virtue of the aforesaid provision of the constitution.

Eleventh.—If a candidate, after presenting his petition for initiation, and before the ballots are passed for his election, leaves the jurisdiction of said Lodge, has that Lodge a right to initiate, pass, or raise said candidate?

Answer—A Lodge has no right to initiate a candidate, until the time he resides within the accredited jurisdiction of another Lodge. But having been initiated, no matter where he removes to, he has the right of the Lodge where he was initiated, to finish their business with him.

conferring the other degrees; and no other Lodge can deprive them of that right without their consent.

Tenth—From Portland Lodge, No. 81:

An applicant for initiation, for whom a special dispensation had been granted, on being balloted for, was rejected. Can the W. M. call another special meeting and receive and act upon another petition of said candidate, by virtue of the former dispensation?

Answer—No. When a candidate has been balloted for and rejected, both his petition to the Lodge, and the dispensation, have thereby become null and void.

Thirteenth—I received a communication from the W. M. of Overgreen Lodge, No. 9, as follows, to wit:

A candidate petitioned our Lodge, was elected and initiated. Subsequently it was ascertained that he had no right ear; no sense of hearing on the right side, and never had, it was natural; this was unknown to me (W. M.) and most of the brethren at the time. Should he be allowed to proceed further?

Answer—Dear Sir and W. Brother: I have duly considered the interrogatory by you propounded, and have no hesitancy in saying that the case mentioned is such a physical defect as to disqualify the candidate from becoming a Mason. But what has already been done cannot be undone. But that the question may be fully settled, until the next session of the Grand Lodge, and to relieve you from further responsibility in the case, it is my mandate that you confer no further degrees upon said candidate. He is not "well qualified."

Fourteenth—From Holly Lodge, No. 184:

At a meeting of said Lodge the ballots were cast for the election of a candidate and found *not clear*, and the candidate rejected, and the opinion was that it was a mistake, as the brethren all said that they voted, or intended to vote, for the candidate, and saying: Our by-laws prohibit the passing of the ballots twice, and asked how we should proceed; and whether a dispensation could not be granted authorizing another ballot?

To which I replied:

Answer—The candidate being rejected, the petition is dead, and the only remedy is to commence *de novo*. A dispensation could not

Masonically be granted authorizing a Lodge to ballot after a candidate has been rejected. All this difficulty grows out of the provisions in your by-laws ; and if they contain a clause, as stated, prohibiting the ballots being spread or passed twice, it is my mandate that you forthwith erase that clause. It is an infringement on the prerogatives of the W. M. He is to order the work, and, under the existing circumstances, has the inherent right to order the ballots to be spread a second time ; but he is the sole judge of the expediency of exercising that right.

I notice another irregularity in the proceedings in said Lodge. I say : " Every brother present declared that he voted, or intended to vote, for the candidate." No member has the right, nor can he ever be permitted by the W. M., to announce *how* he voted, or intended to ballot, except it be that he had deposited a ballot in the box by mistake.

Fifteenth—What are the prerogatives of a Lodge, before the time of receiving their charter from the Grand Lodge and before they are of being constituted, and their officers installed by the Grand Master ?

Answer—They can only meet, open their Lodge and elect their officers under the provision of an edict of the Grand Lodge for a special purpose, and then close their Lodge. They have no authority to even open a Lodge at any other time, or transact any Lodge business, until they meet by direction of the Grand Master or his proxy, for the purpose of being constituted, and their officers are duly installed. The officers they elect have no legal existence until they are installed ; and those named in the charter can only be such for the purpose of said election.

Sixteenth—On the 16th day of August, I received a communication from the W. M. of Colon Lodge, No. 73, saying (in substance) that " Lieut. * * * * was elected in his Lodge on April ; but prior to his initiation he was called to the war on July 4th, a ball carried away his right arm ; and that he was at home on furlough, and wished to take the degrees," and then asked " can they be conferred on him ?"

To which I replied :

Emphatically, no. Physical perfection is one of the requisites

most clearly defined land-marks of the order. Had the candidate advanced even to the altar, and there lost his arm, it would have been your imperative duty, as W. M., to at once have stopped the proceedings, and conducted the candidate out of your Lodge. Therefore, it is my mandate, as Grand Master, that you proceed no further with the candidate. Return to him the fees paid, and record the facts.

Seventeenth—September 5th, I received a communication from the W. M. of Murat Lodge, No. 14, saying (in substance) that at a regular meeting several brothers were balloted for advancement and blacked, and that subsequently, at a special meeting, they were again balloted for and elected; and that about half of the members of the Lodge were notified of the special meeting, and that some of the members were dissatisfied, and then propounded the following questions, to wit:

1st. Can the W. M. call a special communication without notifying every member in writing?

2d. Was it legal to ballot at a special communication for brothers (for advancement) who had been rejected at a regular?

3d. If that was done, and was illegal, what can be done to correct the error?

To which, I replied:

Answer to first question—The W. M. may call a special meeting by giving general notice; it need not be in writing. But when a special is called, the particular business for which it is called should be specified, and no other should be done.

Answer to second question—When a brother for advancement has been once balloted for and rejected, he should not be again balloted for except at a regular, or, I might have added, at a special, after due notice had been given to all the members, particularly specifying the object of the meeting.

Answer to third question—The balloting at a special, for those rejected at a regular meeting, was illegal; and to remedy which, it is my order that you correct your records by erasing all such illegal balloting, and proceed to ballot for said candidates again, only at a regular meeting.

Eighteenth—I have repeatedly been called upon to answer, in

substance, the following question; (and, when generally understood, will save a vast deal of unnecessary correspondence, as I have all Grand Masters will testify,) to wit:

Question—What are the pre-requisites for obtaining a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge by the Grand

Answer—A petition must be drawn up in the usual form setting forth the name of the proposed Lodge, and the town and where to be located, and signed by at least eight Master Masons sent to the address of the Grand Master, or to the Grand Secretary. The petition must be accompanied with the Grand Lodge fee of twenty dollars; the recommendation of, and the distance of the nearest Lodge; the demits of all the petitioners, showing that they are all Master Masons in good and regular standing. If the Past Master among the petitioners let him be named for Master, state the fact, also the certificate of the G. V. and L., or other prominent Master Mason, that those proposed for the first officers are competent to discharge the duties of their respective offices and to instruct the subordinate officers, and that they can procure, a good, safe Lodge room.

of each of them, and of the proposed location of the new Lodge, and of the GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.

The time has come when this subject demands our serious and mature deliberation. A material change in our present practice in that respect seems to be necessary. The office of G. V. and Lecturer is one of modern date. This office was instituted to relieve the Grand Master of a laborious part of his official duties. It was formerly incumbent upon him, or his deputy, to visit, examine the work, and give all needed instruction to the subordinate Lodges within his jurisdiction. This, as the Grand Lodge jurisdictions became enlarged, and the subordinate Lodges more numerous, was found to be impossible for him to perform to its full and desirable extent, and to remedy which several methods have been adopted by different Grand Lodges. This was the legitimate and exclusive prerogative of the Grand Master, whoever or by whomsoever appointed to assist in the discharge of those duties, were, and could Masonically be nothing more than his proxies, and only to act under his special instructions.

Some Grand Lodges made provision for dividing their jurisdiction into several districts, and the appointment, by the Grand Master, or otherwise, of special deputies for each district, with limited powers. (This did not, however, interfere with the one regular deputy, who was to assume the prerogatives of the Grand Master in case of his death or inability to act.)

Others have authorized the Grand Master to appoint, so many proxies, or G. V. and Lecturers at large, as he deemed expedient. Others, and our own among the number, provided for the annual election, by the Grand Lodge, of one particular officer, to assist in the discharge of those duties. This provision of ours, for many years, while we had but a small number of Lodges, proved to be a wise arrangement, and answered all the purposes for which it was intended; and, so far as I have any knowledge, those selections have been well made, and their labors profitable to the fraternity.

But this system, for several years past, has apparently become inadequate to the requirements of our institution. We now number one hundred and sixty-seven Lodges, scattered over an extensive area, and although attended with considerable expense, yet but a small number of our subordinate Lodges have enjoyed the privilege or received the benefit of a visit from the Grand Master or his proxy, to which, according to ancient custom, they are entitled. A large number of them have not been thus visited for many years, and consequently there is not that uniformity of work among them as there should be. I therefore respectfully suggest for your consideration the expediency of passing an edict making it the duty of the G. V. and L., for a certain stipulated sum, to proceed without delay to visit every Lodge within this jurisdiction, and to correct what needs correction in both work and lectures. This would probably require about one year, and perhaps more, but when done faithfully it would not be necessary that it should be repeated for several years.

Or, instead of the foregoing, I would suggest the propriety of dividing this jurisdiction into two or more districts, and that a special deputy or visitor and lecturer be appointed by the Grand Master, or otherwise, for each district, to perform the duties specified in the foregoing; and, if the latter was adopted, the office of G. V.

and L. would become unnecessary, and whether the craft would be benefitted by such a change I leave for your deliberate consideration.

BRETHREN, I deem it to be my duty to call your serious attention to a growing evil, and violation of one of the most important ancient regulations of our order, to wit, admitting to membership many who seek admission through selfish, mercenary motives, and if not a disgrace to the institution, become drones in the hive.

The time was, and should be now, that a brother, with a diploma showing him to be a Master Mason in good and regular standing, might travel the wide world over, and without any certificate of character or letter of credit, be received by the brotherhood as a gentleman of uprightness and integrity, one in whom the utmost confidence might be reposed, without any fear of his betraying that trust. But, alas! my brethren, it is not so now. That evil can, and must be remedied. Let our Lodges be thoroughly sifted. Let it be everywhere known that the openly immoral, the profane swearer, the drunkard, the gambler, etc., etc., have no right to a seat within our sanctum, and if any such are there, let them be expelled. And upon every application for admission, let your doors be strongly closed against the applicant until you have clear and undisputed evidence of his *positive* worth. Negative evidence, such as "*I know nothing against the candidate,*" is a fatal error into which we have too easily fallen.

Permit me to quote a sentence from the ancient charges, which every Mason should be able to repeat, but which I fear many have never even read, to wit:

"No man can become a Mason consistently with ancient usages of the order, unless he be free born, of lawful age, good moral character, temperate, industrious, charitable, and possessed of pure spirit and the social virtues. He must be of sufficient natural endowments to be respectable, and must have entire all the faculties and senses of a man. He must also have an estate, office, trade, occupation, or some visible means of acquiring an honest livelihood. He must have a sound head and a good heart, and be exempt from all those ill qualities and vices which bring dishonor to the craft,"

Let me put the question to you, brethren, do you require indisputable evidence of all these requisites before you allow a

candidate to enter? If not, then you have violated your Masonic obligations.

Another test of the candidate's integrity should be closely scrutinized. I refer to the interrogatories propounded to every candidate, before admission, to wit: "Do you seriously declare upon your honor, that unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry?" etc. To this and others the candidate gives an affirmative answer, while all the surrounding circumstances, if closely looked to, would, I fear in many cases, stamp that answer as *false*.

Brethren, a great responsibility rests upon us, as members of the Grand Lodge. We are not only bound to sustain the high standing of Masonry for the benefit of those who are now living, but we have a higher and holier duty to perform, to wit: To transmit to posterity the excellent tenets of our institution unimpaired, as they have been transmitted to us by our fathers.

I esteem it a privilege to say that each and all of the subordinate officers of the Grand Lodge, have faithfully performed the duties of their respective offices, and thereby rendered my duties much lighter and pleasanter than they otherwise would have been. And I should feel that I did not discharge my present duty without making particular mention of the essential service rendered, not only to myself, but to the craft, by our worthy brothers, the Deputy Grand Master, for his correct and faithful discharge of the duties of Grand Master, during my absence, showing clearly his ability to fill that high and responsible station; and our Grand Treasurer, by the financial ability manifested in the management of his official department, shows clearly that our finances will be well protected and cared for while under his stewardship; and our Grand Secretary, for the prompt, correct and able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his responsible office—being in this jurisdiction *ex-officio* chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, renders the office one of the most important in the Grand Lodge, and to which we are indebted to a considerable extent for our reputation in foreign jurisdictions. And I take pleasure in saying that the reports issued from the office of our Grand Secretary will not suffer by a com-

parison with those of any other jurisdiction. And also our venerable and worthy Grand Visitor and Lecturer, for the energetic and faithful performance of his arduous and laborious duties, and the resulting benefit to the craft, justly entitles him to the special gratitude of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, permit me briefly to say, that, in June last, I visited the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and it affords me much pleasure to announce that that Grand Body duly honored the station I held, and the truly fraternal reception and brotherly grip which I received from M. W. Grand Master ALDEN, and P. Grand Master PALMER, and other members, will ever be remembered by me as one of my happiest days.

LOVELL MOORE.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to wit :

On Masonic Law—Bros. S. C. COFFINBURY, R. P. ELDRIDGE and A. B. CUDWORTH.

On Grievances—Bros. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, GEO. HILL, senr., and E. LEFAVOUR.

On Examination—Bros. JOHN N. GOTT, G. C. MUNRO and J. P. FISKE.

On Accounts—Bros. WILLIAM WALKER, J. V. CHAMPLIN and WILLIAM DUNHAM.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros. Grand Secretary, GEORGE E. HUBBARD and W. K. WHEELER.

W. Bro. FISKE, on behalf of Union Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 3, tendered the use of their Hall for use of committees of Grand Lodge, which was accepted, and ordered that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered therefor.

On motion of Bro. WALKER, the address of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, to divide and refer to appropriate committees.

Whereupon, Bros. WALKER, PECK and DARROW were appointed such committee.

The appeal of Bro. A. B. CUDWORTH, from the action of Pontiac Lodge, No. 21, in electing an honorary member of said Lodge to

fill the Oriental chair for the ensuing year, was read and referred, with the accompanying papers, to the standing committee on Masonic law.

The appeal of Bro. ANDREW J. KINNE, from the action and decision of Colon Lodge, No. 73, rendered April 16, 1864, in the matter of a complaint by said KINNE against Bro. S. S. WARE, was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

The memorials of Quincy Lodge, No. 135, and Rockland Lodge, No. 108, setting forth their opinion that the interests of Masonry in the Upper Peninsula, require the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, who shall reside among them to superintend their workings, and recommend THOMAS U. FLAMMER, P. M., as a brother eminently qualified for the office, was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, January 12, 1865, 9 A. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor. Prayer was offered to the Grand Architect of the Universe.

The special committee on Grand Master's Address then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN:

The Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Master's address for distribution, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

First. So much as relates to formation of new Lodges and dispensations, to the committee on Examination.

So much as relates to Lafayette Lodge, No. 16, to same committee.

Second. So much as relates to appeals and complaints, to committee on Masonic Law.

So much as relates to the esoteric work, to the same committee.

So much as relates to suspension of charters, to committee on Examination.

So much as relates to suspension of a W. M., to same committee.

Third. So much as relates to Grand Visitor and Lecturer, to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. WALKER,
F. DARROW,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence then made the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that printed copies of the proceedings of our last communication have been sent to all Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, as far as it was practicable.

The proceedings of twenty-two Grand Lodges have come to the hands of your Committee, who regret to say that they are still without Masonic advices from seceded States. We proceed to give our usual concise summary of the doings, the hopes and prospects of our fellow-laborers in the Masonic field. We find that the question of "uniformity of Work," the "Webb-Preston ritual," and their handmaid, "Conservatorism," has largely occupied the attention of our sister Grand Lodges; but the question having been thoroughly examined and deliberately rejected by our own Grand Lodge, we have not deemed it profitable to spread in detail in our report a recital of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges upon the subjects; but we deem it proper to report for the information of our brethren, that among all the Grand Lodges who have had the subject prominently before them, not one has endorsed the work; while, on the other hand, all have, with remarkable unanimity, denounced and proscribed the "Conservators," refuted the pretended claims of "the work" and prohibited its practice.

We find that the past year has been remarkable for the extraordinary large accessions to our numbers; and we find the best minds in our order expressing apprehension lest the sudden influx of strangers among the workmen may cause confusion among the craftsmen; and, on every hand, we meet with earnest exhortations to guard well the portals, that no improper material be permitted to pass our inspection, and equally earnest appeals to the workmen to so conduct themselves that the true dignity of the Master Mason may appear in them.

CANADA.

The annual communication was held at Hamilton in July last, a large number of constituent Lodges being represented.

M. W. T. D. HARRINGTON says, the Grand Lodge, which was born in 1733, has become the fostering parent of upwards of one hundred and sixty Lodges, all working, he has reason to believe, in order, peace and harmony, with a continually growing family. He further states that the Grand Lodge of England has erased from her list all Lodges claimed by him as belonging to the Grand Lodge of Canada, retaining only those to which no objection can be raised. He concludes his address by repeating a suggestion he made last year, "to reflect on the signs of the times." The European horizon, he says, is by no means a clear one, and the final effect upon the unfortunate civil war still raging in the neighboring States cannot yet be foretold, or even guessed at.

The board of general purposes in their report on the G. M.'s address says: "With the Grand Lodges of the several States of America we are always prepared, and trust that the same will ever continue, to extend the hand of fellowship, and will gladly accord to their representatives the honors as we can bestow."

M. W. W. B. SIMPSON was elected Grand Master, and THOMAS B. MORRIS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

COLORADO

At its special communication in May, 1863, M. W. ALLYN WESTON presiding, who proceeded to state that, on charges preferred, he had suspended the Masters of two Lodges; one of them for spreading the ballot a third time and then conferring the degrees upon candidates who had been regularly rejected; the other for opening his Lodge and conferring a degree with but three members present, including the Master; two of these were required to prepare the candidate, leaving the Master alone, and he performed the reception ceremony. In both cases the Grand Lodge decided that the action of Grand Master WESTON was eminently fitting and wise.

CONNECTICUT

At its annual communication in May last, M. W. ALVAN P. HYDE presiding. He reports the condition of the craft to be prosperous. During the eighty years since the Grand Lodge was organized there has never been a time, he says, when our fraternity have had more cause to be proud of their condition than the present. Speaking of the large increase of new members, over former years, he attributes it principally to the applications of young men about to join the army.

In reply to a question, the Grand Lodge decided that no brother is properly installed Master of a Lodge until he has taken the obligation of a Master.

They condemned and forbade the use, or sale, or gift of keys, under penalty of expulsion, notwithstanding a minority report recommending that no notice be taken of them.

M. W. DAVID E. BOSTWICK was elected Grand Master, and R. W. L.

E. HUNT was re-elected Grand Secretary. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence seems not to have received the proceedings of Michigan.

DELAWARE,

With a representation of nine Lodges, met in June last. G. M. LEWIS made a verbal statement of the condition of the Lodges visited by him during the year. It was ordered that hereafter no Lodge shall admit a member or receive a candidate for initiation, except upon a unanimous ballot.

ILLINOIS.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Springfield, in October, 1883, M. W. F. M. BLAIR presiding. From his address we learn that he had granted twenty-four dispensations for the establishment of new Lodges. He appropriately recalls the memories of brethren departed during the year, and calls the attention of his Grand Lodge to the ever-recurring judicial, jurisdictional and local questions, which the record shows were all properly disposed of.

It will be remembered, that your Committee, last year, set forth *extenso*, the edict of the new Grand Master, M. W. THOMAS J. TURNER, based upon the action of the Grand Lodge, upon the subject of "W. Preston" ritual, the Conservators' association, and the use of notes and keys. These subjects had been very prominently before the craft of Illinois, and some acerbity of feeling had been engendered, all of which it gives your Committee great pleasure to say, they believe has been allayed, and the subject matter been put forever at rest. We are, at the last moment, in receipt of their proceedings for 1864; in their report on Foreign Correspondence, we notice that Hon. N. BATEMAN quotes approvingly the entire report of our Committee of nine. The Grand Master of Iowa having indulged, through two pages of his address, in enumerating the causes of thankfulness they of Iowa had over "other Grand Lodges" in that they have glided quietly along, while other States have been racked by the throes of fierce and unmasonic quarrels, "while in this State the strong arm of the law has not been invoked upon the side of the contending contestants;" "that we have no Masonic paupers;" "that we are so fortunate as to have a model Grand Secretary, who minds his own business, and minds it so faithfully that he and a competent and right-minded Grand Master never collide," and so on, through the two pages of his address, answered by the Illinois Committee, who admit that certain contests were instituted a suit in replevin, to take the seal of their Grand Lodge from the other property from the custody of their Grand Secretary, and that they were subsequently instituted in self-defense, and were declared by the Grand Lodge to be imperatively demanded by extraordinary circumstances. The fling at the Grand Secretary of Illinois, under the guise of flattery to the Grand Secretary of Iowa, they dispose of as follows:

"Too much cannot be said in praise of the Grand Secretary of I

is a fine journalist, a good writer, and a man of method, plan and as; but when his Grand Master says that Bro. PARVIN, and 'a competent, right-minded' Grand Master *never* collide, your Committee cannot avoid the conclusion that the M. W. Grand Master of Iowa intends to be cautious at the expense of Bro. PARVIN, otherwise, our M. W. Brother must accept one of two positions, either that Bro. PARVIN never has collided' with a Grand Master, or else, that when he did collide, that Grand Master was not 'competent' or 'right-minded.' Your Committee will not presume that the Grand Master of Iowa is ignorant of the affairs of his own Grand Lodge.

"The time was, within the memory of your Committee, when the Grand Secretary of Iowa published a Masonic paper, he being Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. HARTSOCK, Grand Master. There *was* a collision then—a noted collision: there was a want of 'unity' then in Iowa; and names were called; denunciations were free; brethren were divided, and parties were generally known as the 'HARTSOCK' or 'PARVIN.'

"We are quite sure that the occupant of the Oriental Chair in Iowa is an active participator in that 'family jar.' It did not concern any constitutional or legal rule, any Masonic usage, or any violation of the ancient Constitutions. It was only a 'family jar' about work, which the Grand Master evidently intends to ignore by carrying the impression that *we* grows better and better in work, and in order to give smack to this union, he quotes the 'approving voice' of a noted Conservator in another jurisdiction.

"How Bro. PARVIN came out in that 'family jar,' is well known *out* Iowa. It is seldom that he comes off 'second best.' The present M. W. Grand Master not having collided with Bro. PARVIN, the inference is *clear*, that he is 'competent and right-minded,' and equally clear that M. W. Bro. HARTSOCK was not 'competent and right-minded.' Very modest, and quite as fraternal!"

Grand Master T. J. TURNER and Grand Secretary H. G. REYNOLDS were re-elected.

INDIANA.

Grand Master HACKER, at the annual communication in May last, answers the assertion of our enemies, that whatever causes may have justified our organization in former times, that those causes have long since passed away, and that the continuance of our Masonic organization is wholly unnecessary, and should be at once abandoned. He answers it by recounting the deeds of mercy and charity of a few of their Lodges, in educating the orphan, in giving a home to the widow, and truly exclaims that while there is a widow's wail to hush, the orphan's tear to dry, the disconsolate to comfort, or the distressed of every kind to relieve, Masonry will have enough to do to justify the continuance of her organization.

Thirteen new Lodges were opened during the year. This Grand Lodge, a few years ago, adopted a new regulation for the trial of Masters and Grand Masters for a breach of the moral code, and the Grand Master

relates how he was present and saw a Lodge try its Master, and indefinitely suspend him from the rights and privileges of Masonry; and says it was as effectually done, and as beneficial to the fraternity at large, as though a special session of the Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose.

He received information that a brother, a lieutenant in an Indiana regiment, had obtained, while in the army, and now had in his possession, the charter and jewels of a Lodge located in one of the seceded States. He succeeded in having them brought up to the Grand Lodge, which received them as a sacred trust to be deposited among the archives, and as soon as possible to return them to Eastport Lodge, No. 24, Mississippi, to whom they belonged.

He fears the present rapid growth of Masonry is an unhealthy increase. Their receipts were \$6,924, their disbursements \$6,003. Balance on hand, \$1,871. There was a lengthy and able report from the Committee on Jurisprudence, respecting maimed candidates and candidates under age, and stringent resolutions were passed, and as the lawful age was doubtful, they fixed it at twenty-one years, as prescribed by the civil law.

They voted \$1,000 to the Sanitary Commission of the State of Indiana, thus amending the first proposition to donate \$500.

They re-elected Grand Master HACKER, and Grand Secretary KING.

I O W A .

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in June last. Grand Master GUILBERT reports that the "noble science and the royal art" has never, in their history, been more healthfully prosperous than during the past year. From correspondence and personal interview he is enabled to form a pretty correct estimate of their progress, and he says it is satisfactory in every respect; he expresses himself as proud of the conspicuous part Iowa Masons have borne in this "cruel war." He granted dispensations to but two new Lodges.

Last year a Committee of nine of our members made an exhaustive report upon the ritual, which report was unanimously adopted. G. M. GUILBERT steps, we think, a little out of his dignified way when he congratulates his Grand Lodge that they have quietly glided along, while other States have been racked by the throes of fierce and unmasonic quarrels upon the all-absorbing question of "the work." Every intelligent Mason knows that a concerted effort was made to have "other Grand Lodges" adopt "the work," (how was it in Iowa in 1860?) and it is as well known that "other Grand Lodges" carefully examined its claims, and have with remarkable unanimity decided against its pretensions. The distinguished advocate of "the work" told our Committee that it was adopted and used in Iowa, while Iowa's record says she adopted the ritual of WILSON, of Vermont. WILSON tells the New Hampshire Committee that "the work" had several important omissions, that its distinguished advocate made several mistakes, and mis-read many passages, and that he could never read it all until they met in Chicago in

1860. Now, seeing that Grand Master GUILBERT finds such cause for gratulation, that they are not as other Grand Lodges are, that they are making more and more general a knowledge of "the work," will he favor us of Michigan with the benefit of his experience, and tell us whether Iowa uses "the work," or does she adhere literally to the ritual taught her in 1860 by Bro. SAMUEL WILSON, of Vermont?

A local question of jurisdiction arose, when it was ordered that any Lodge conferring degrees upon a candidate from the jurisdiction of another Lodge, whether by dispensation or otherwise, shall pay the fees to the Lodge from under whose jurisdiction the candidate hails.

They appropriated \$100 towards the support of the Iowa State Orphans' Home.

A motion was made, and laid on the table, to exempt Masons serving in the army from paying Grand Lodge dues.

Louisiana Relief Lodge having relieved Masons hailing from Iowa, they voted thirty dollars to reimburse said Relief Lodge.

They decided that neither the W. M. nor the Wardens of a Lodge can resign or be demitted during their term of office, and censured a W. M. for filling up and signing a demit for himself. They re-elected Grand Master GUILBERT and Grand Secretary PARVIN.

KANSAS

Met in October, 1863. Grand Master SAQUI says, everything considered, the fraternity in Kansas is in as prosperous a condition as could reasonably be expected. The increase of membership is moderate. He remarks, in connection, that a rapid increase of members is by no means an evidence of prosperity.

He gives a graphic description of the dreadful massacre at Lawrence, on the 20th of August, 1863, and says he addressed a communication to each of their subordinate Lodges, requesting pecuniary relief, and nobly and generously they responded to his request.

LOUISIANA

Held its annual communication at New Orleans, in February last. Twenty-five Lodges were represented, out of one hundred and eight on their register. Twenty-four made returns and paid their dues, four made returns but paid no dues.

Grand Master FELLOWS says his official acts have been few, had decided but few Masonic questions, had granted two dispensations for new Lodges. The finances, he reports, though not so favorable as in former years, are yet more favorable than could have been expected. Of the affairs of their constituent Lodges he has but little to say. Those in New Orleans and vicinity have been more prosperous than during the previous year; as to those in the country, owing to the great difficulty of communication, but little is known. He earnestly exhorts his brethren to a strict and careful

observance of the ancient "Charges of a Freemason," and to remember that our order is one of charity and brotherly love.

Louisiana Relief Lodge disbursed \$318.80. Its receipts including \$499 balance on hand January 1, 1863.

MAINE.

The annual communication was held in May last, at Port Master PREBLE in the East, who issued three dispensations for during the year. Among his decisions was the following: By tions of the Grand Lodge of Maine, it is not necessary for a pe been a Warden in order to be eligible as Master.

In several instances he gave to Lodges in other jurisdiction to act on applications of persons residing in his jurisdiction every case he consulted the Lodge under whose jurisdiction they resided. He reports the Lodges generally prospering. He apprehension to the effects on the order of the "terrific rush of and to the vast number of dispensations to receive petition communications, and to confer degrees in hot haste—in view recommended raising the minimum price to twenty dollars. Grand Lodge ordered; and further decreed, that every candidate less than four weeks from the reception of his petition, shall pay dollars in addition, of which three dollars shall be paid to the G It was likewise forbidden to hold more than one stated meeting month, that no more than one candidate be present at a time section of each degree, and that no Lodge confer more than five the same communication, or hold more than one communication same day.

The report on foreign correspondence, Bro. CYRIL PEAR notices with commendation the proceedings of our Grand Lodge. They re-elected their Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

This Grand Lodge holds semi-annual communications the proceedings of their Session, held in November, 1863. COTTON says, he has visited all the Lodges of Baltimore and Annapolis from personal knowledge, can speak of the desire that prevail among brethren of preserving the elevated character, and securing the success of our Masonic Institution. In the period of nature through which we are passing, he says, it is not to be supposed that in the Border State, there would be no differences of sentiment and feeling among the brethren; and, where there are differences of sentiment and feeling, it is natural to suppose there would be dissensions and divisions. of the kind has occurred to mar the harmony of our association at least degree arrest the progress of their prosperity. We, of Maryland, rejoiced to hear so good an account of the spirit of our ins

practically exhibited by our brethren of Maryland. This being the annual meeting, M. W. Bro. JOHN COATES was elected Grand Master, and R. W. JACOB H. MEDAIRD was elected Grand Secretary.

In May, 1864, the semi-annual meeting was held, and Grand Master COATES reports the craft, though they may not altogether ignore the storms of war and political contentions, yet they can "abide in harmony." They are engaged in the great enterprise of building a new Masonic Hall, and, to that end, propose to issue stock to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, at the rate of ten dollars per share, payable in monthly installments of one dollar, and bearing interest at six per cent. per annum. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence speak courteously of our last proceedings; they express themselves utterly opposed to granting dispensations to confer degrees, except in very extraordinary cases. They say their custom is to make a rejected candidate wait six months before he again petitions.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the annual communication, in December, 1863, Grand Master PARKMAN expressed himself as, looking upon the unexampled number of petitions for initiation, to him, in common with all conservative and older brethren, as cause of the deepest solicitude; he says, when he entered upon the duties of his office, he found that his predecessors had inaugurated the custom of granting dispensations to candidates who were entering the army, (when they were well known and of good report,) that he had likewise done so; but, in view of the custom having become so common, he looked upon it as no longer safe, and expresses his firm conviction that *all such work* should be immediately stopped. He gives the whole number of their Lodges as 124; Army Lodges, 11; whole number initiated, 1,700; Dispensations granted, 125; whole number affiliated as Masons, 10,000.

We notice that their Constitution, (which is appended to their last proceedings,) defines the Members to be the Grand Officers, the Masters, Wardens and proxies of Lodges, under their jurisdiction; and, likewise, prohibit the G. M., D. G. M., G. W's, G. T. and G. S., from being Master or Warden of a subordinate Lodge, during his continuance in office. Grand Master WILLIAM PARKMAN, and Grand Secretary C. W. MOORE, were re-elected.

MINNESOTA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at their session in October, 1863. Grand Master PIERSON says, that so crippled were their Lodges in 1862, that after a circular letter to the Lodges, and an answer received, he had postponed the annual meeting in 1862, in view of which he recommends the dues of Lodges for that year to be remitted; they having on hand enough for current expenses and a small surplus from former years. They have thirty-five chartered Lodges, and five under dispensation. The Grand Master visited them all except two, and reports

them zealous, and that they regard Masonry as something more than a name, and as a subject full of life, and affording an object for investigation and thought, worthy of a vigorous intellect.

MISSOURI.

The forty-fourth annual communication was held at St. Louis, Mo., May last. They have 237 Lodges in their registry, of which number 100 were represented. The address of M. W. Bro. TURNER was a revision of his official acts; he had declined to grant dispensations to confer degrees in less than the usual time, although he had numerous applications for them; he issued six dispensations to establish new Lodges. The proceedings show them to have been diligent in all matters pertaining to their jurisdiction. The receipts of the Grand Lodge were \$3,325.85, and expenditures, \$2,640.

M. W. JOHN F. HOUSTON was elected Grand Master, and R. O'SULLIVAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

At the annual communication, held in June, Grand Master C. F. PAGE, congratulated his brethren, that, save those ripples found on the smoothest sea, nothing has occurred to disturb the peace and harmony of their jurisdiction during the past year, he says they are steadily increasing in membership and material strength, until at the opening of their eighteenth annual communication, they have upon their rolls 489 Lodges, and a membership of over 40,000 active Masons. He paid a fitting tribute to their illustrious dead, among whom were JOHN B. SOMMERS, P. D. G. M., and EBENEZER WADSWORTH, P. G. M., whose period of sixty years had gone in and out before them, and whose patriarchal days, evinced the same eager interest in Masonry as in the days of his younger manhood. He held the office of Grand Lecturer for fifty years, and was the delegate representing New York in the celebration of the Baltimore convention.

NELSON RANDALL, P. G. M., and the venerable Rev. SALEM TOWNSEND, for a quarter of a century discharged the sacred functions of Grand Master in the Grand Lodge, both had passed from their labors below the year, and whose memories were appropriately and feelingly evoked by the touching words of the M. W. Grand Master. He granted dispensations for new Lodges, and refused the petitions for six others, as well as for several for military Lodges; with other reasons for not granting the latter, he mentions an insurmountable objection in the fact that when the regiment to which such a Lodge is attached moves beyond the limits of the State, an infringement of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodges is inevitable and unavoidable. Among a number of resolutions he made, was one, that the political condition of a State does not affect the Masonic relations of a brother; and, therefore, an inability

procure a demit from a Lodge in one of the seceded States, is not sufficient cause for the non-production of the certificate, and that such brother cannot be received as an affiliating member of a Lodge. The number of initiations, during the year, were 5,188; affiliations, 66, and demits, 847; expelled, 27; suspended, 10; stricken from the rolls, for n. p. d., 1,283; restored, 199; died, 481; total membership, 33,320. They are about building a Masonic Hall and Asylum, and to that end "the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund" have been incorporated by the Legislature. They appropriated \$8,500 to erect a monument to the Rev. SALEM TOWN.

The Committee on Jurisprudence had before them a case submitted by a Lodge, wherein one DANIEL S., the father of a candidate, became responsible for a balance of four dollars, due by his son for initiation fee, and which he declined paying, on the ground that the Lodge acted unconstitutionally in giving credit for the fee, or part of it; the Committee remark, the brother's position is a strong one; but, however strong he be entrenched behind it, they think the Lodge can "immediately move upon his works," and direct the Lodge to prepare charges, and try him for his grossly unmasonic conduct.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

The annual communication was held in January last. Grand Master VAN WAGONER says, the past year, has, so far as the State is concerned, been one of almost unexampled prosperity. In numbers, Masonry has largely increased, within the jurisdiction, during the past year; and he speaks approvingly of the quality of the material added to the building, and of the good influences of recent legislation of the Grand Lodge. They are diligently engaged in gathering up matter for a history of Masonry in their State. The Grand Lodge, in reply to a question propounded, gave as its views, that a Master elect should receive the P. M. degree in Symbolic Masonry, before he assumes the East in his Lodge, and that none but Past Masters, who have thus received the degree, can be present when it is conferred. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence favorably notice our proceedings for 1863.

We also acknowledge the receipt of the History of Trenton Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons, from its organization in 1787 to 1863, compiled from the records, by JOHN O. RANN, Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for June, 1863, and the report Grand Master BELL gives of his jurisdiction is that the condition and future prospects of Masonry have never been more cheering than at the (then) present time. Their proceedings for 1864 have just come to hand. The question of a change in the work of the order having been

agitated among them, and the "Webb-Preston" having been offered their acceptance, and urged on the ground, among others, that "Michigan had adopted it!" The Committee on Foreign Correspondence expressed themselves gratified with the report of our Committee of nine, and quitted the entire, making it part of their report.

New Hampshire, like Michigan, has had a committee "to investigate the subject of a uniform system of Work and Lectures," from whose report we quote the testimony of the revered Mason, Bro. S. WILSON, Grand Lecturer of Vermont, with whom they corresponded. He testifies, that in 1857, "P. C. TUCKER, introduced MORRIS to me, and I loaned him a copy of my cipher, (not my original,) and which, unfortunately, had several omissions, through mistake. In copying this, MORRIS made several mistakes and mis-read many passages. In fact he never read it at all, until I met him, in Chicago, in 1860; and, I think he cannot read it at all now. This copy, with its blunders and omissions, is the text from which the book you refer to, (Mnemonics,) was made. In this copy there were five questions and answers, omitted through neglect. The 'Mnemonics' makes but two sections in the third degree, whereas every monitor that I ever saw, (including his own,) makes three. These are but a few of the errors, which I could point out. It is a great deal of danger from a too profuse supply of this work."

This Grand Lodge "re-affirmed and re-adopted its work and lectures, and emphatically condemned the Conservators and all other similar associations, the off-spring of inventive Masonic geniuses, as contrary to the spirit of our ancient Masonic Institution."

OREGON.

This Grand Lodge met in June last, twenty-five Lodges being represented. The business transacted was entirely local. Grand Master McCracken says, they are enjoying "unexampled prosperity," and are thereby securing success and benefits; his business engagements having been interfered with the discharge of his official (Masonic) duties. They have granted a dispensation to form a new Lodge in Idaho Territory, the Grand Lodge of Washington protested against it as an invasion of their jurisdiction; they reply by stating that Idaho was territory open to any new Grand Lodge, there being no Grand Lodge there existing.

M. W. J. McCracken was re-elected Grand Master, and J. E. FORD, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

From this Grand Lodge we have a pamphlet, containing an abstract of the proceedings, being extracts from the minutes of its quarterly and annual communications, during the year 1863. Grand Master S. says, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show a high degree of prosperity. There is, however, he says, a proceeding showing

the records of the several Lodges to which he strongly objects: Some of them have indulged too freely in granting dispensations to enter, pass and raise—the exercise of a power he has, so far, invariably declined to exercise, although strongly urged in cases where patriotic citizens have entered the service of our country; and if he could be induced to grant a dispensation to enter, pass and raise, it would be in favor of those who peril their lives in defense of the government and constituted authorities of our country.

This Grand Lodge is in debt \$41,000. The Grand charity fund amounts to \$42,350. The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Fund disbursed \$1,938, and the Almoners of the Grand Lodge charity fund paid out \$1,800 to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons.

VERMONT.

This Grand Lodge met on the second Wednesday in January, 1863, M. W. LEVERETT B. ENGBESBY presiding, who says, he is happy to inform them that few questions of a distracting character have arisen; that harmony and good-will are in the councils of a large proportion of the secular Lodges; unexampled prosperity prevails in very many, a prosperity apparently based upon the most substantial foundations. And yet let not the still, quiet voice of warning cease to sound in your ears the caution, to inspect the material offered with jealous care, that as the moral edifice we seek to construct, arises in its noble proportions, no unsightly, uncomely blocks may mar its beauty.

Since their last communication, the Committee charged with the trust have made some progress in the matter of the monument to their late Grand Master. A circular has been issued to the secular Lodges, presenting a plan for the raising of the necessary funds, which, he presumes, has met a favorable response. The monument, he is informed, has been designed and is in process of completion. The Committee have made arrangements for the foundation to be finished, ready for the superstructure last fall, that there might be no unnecessary delay in the spring.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The annual communication was held in June last, M. W. ALVIN B. ALDEN presiding. He represents the craft in his jurisdiction as being in a highly prosperous condition, provided it be conceded that a rapid increase of membership and a commendable progress in the acquirement of the ritual is the only evidence required of such prosperity. He says, complaints have been made to him, that citizens of their State who have been connected with the army, either as soldiers, or in some civil capacity, have returned from the field, claiming to have been made Masons during their absence in some military Lodge, connected with or attached to the army; and, in some instances, these complaints relate to persons who had

been rejected by Lodges before leaving home. The Committee to whom the subject was referred very justly ask, of what use is it for the Fraternity of Wisconsin to labor to maintain a high standard of personal qualifications, and to sustain the dignity of the character of Freemasonry in their jurisdiction, if these unworthy and rejected applicants be thrust upon the craft by other Grand Lodges, through the medium of dispensated Lodges, working outside their territorial jurisdiction? This is a pertinent question, and fully shows the foresight of our own and other Grand Lodges, which declined to issue dispensations for military Lodges.

The Grand Master also called their attention to "the alarming increase of applications for admission," as well as to the hurried and imperfect method of conferring degrees, whereupon the Grand Lodge ordered that no candidate be advanced to a higher degree in less than twenty days, nor until he had perfectly acquired the whole of the lectures in the preceding degree, and that no Lodge should confer the three degrees for less than *thirty* dollars, the minimum having heretofore been twenty.

M. W. G. W. WASHBURNE was elected Grand Master, and R. W. W. PALMER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

From this far-off jurisdiction we have the proceedings of their sixtieth annual communication, held in November, 1863, at which were present representatives from six Lodges; total number ten, and one under dispensation. The proceedings show a commendable spirit of Masonic zeal coupled with good judgment and much ability.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FENTON,
Grand Secretary and ex-officio chairman of Com. on F.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer then made his annual report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file :

REPORT.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, respectfully reports that under the requirements of the Grand Lodge, and by special invitations, I have visited and instructed during the past year, forty-four of the Lodges within this jurisdiction, and the result of my observations enable me to bear cheerful testimony to the zeal, fidelity and skill apparent in all the Lodges that have received dispensations and charters during the past two years. Indeed, the same remark will apply with equal propriety to

most of the Lodges within our State, and especially to those that have laid aside all crude irregularities in language and work, and have labored with earnestness and zeal to acquire a thorough knowledge, and practically apply the "national lectures and work," adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1845, and rendered still more obligatory by the additional resolutions of 1857 and 1861, whereby the officers were required to be fully instructed in those lectures, and the working of the same as laid down in each section.

It is well understood that the object of the Grand Lodge in adopting these edicts was to establish uniformity of lectures and work within the Lodges subordinate to its jurisdiction; to endeavor, in fact, to bring order out of chaos, and to harmonize our entire Masonic system. Doubtless, it was a step in the right direction, and obligatory upon every Lodge within our State, but it was a measure also requiring time, patience, kindness and zeal to enforce. This will be obvious, when we reflect that ideas and forms of thought once fixed in the mind are seldom if ever entirely eradicated. Memory, at times, will bring to the lips accustomed forms of speech, in spite of our efforts to keep down and supplant them by more recently acquired, and even more correct thoughts and forms of language; hence it is no trifling task to unlearn what we have once learned and cherished with favor, and, perhaps, with some degree of prejudice, even though the authority we are bound to obey requires us to sacrifice a little here and a little there of our own peculiar views, in order to harmonize and promote the general good. Scarcely a quarter of a century has passed away since the revival of Freemasonry in the States of the Union. During the dark period of our Masonic history, when Lodges generally were closed or maintained a feeble existence; when the malign spirit of bigotry brooded over our Masonic Temples and desolated our halls; when, like the scattered children of Israel "our harps were hung upon the willows," and we could hold no communication in peace and safety, it is not strange that the unwritten language of our craft, depending, as it ever must, essentially upon memory, should have lost somewhat of its former peculiar unity. Neither is it strange that the faithful brothers who emigrated to Michigan, from perhaps every State of the Union, and from almost every civilized nation in the world, when they devoted their energies, at an early period, to building up our order in this State, should have found themselves perplexed with conflicting views respecting the true Masonic ritual. Possessing, however, the grand essentials of Freemasonry, which have never been lost through ages of time and periods of ignorant and bitter persecutions of the order, they revealed the essential mysteries to the *initiates* with the light they possessed, and explained those mysteries in language necessarily gathered from varied and uncertain memories. Thus, our early Lodges worked on in faith,—each Lodge gradually enlarging and acquiring forms and language somewhat peculiar to itself. To *unlearn* what they had taken so much pains to acquire, and to conform at once, and with alacrity, to the resolution of the Grand Lodge, was scarcely to be expected. But, since the adoption of the first edict of the Grand Lodge, on this subject, the

work of introducing uniformity has steadily progressed, and if it shall be found that there are still a few of our Lodges working and lecturing in a spirit of apparent innovation upon the lectures and work adopted by the Grand Lodge, we must regard that spirit and those innovations with brotherly kindness for the sake of the noble work performed by our senior brethren at an early day, when our Institution was revived within our borders, and received an upward impulse through their devoted labors,—leaving to us “Time, patience and perseverance, which accomplish all things,” the introduction of entire uniformity throughout the whole of our Masonic Lodges.

Believing, however, that the edicts of the Grand Lodge, for the promotion of uniformity in our lectures and work will promote the best interests of the brethren at home and abroad; believing, also, after a somewhat laborious examination and comparison of our lectures and work with the teachings of others, that this Grand Lodge acted wisely, in adopting the “national work and lectures,” I have constantly endeavored feebly perhaps, but faithfully, and I trust respectfully, to impress the importance of their strict observance upon the officers of the Lodges within this jurisdiction. It is in vain to suppose that our Institution can reach its highest degree of perfectability, unless those who are called to preside over the craft are governed by an uniform rule in their instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

S. BLANCHARD, G. V. & L.

DETROIT, January 1, 1865.

The Grand Secretary then presented the following letter, which was ordered to be placed on file :

CENTREVILLE, Mich., July 25th, A. L. 5864.

JAMES FENTON, Esq., *Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, Michigan* :

My Dear Sir and Brother : Your kind favor of the 23d inst., accompanied with the jewel of a P. G. M., as a token of regard from the Grand Lodge of Michigan, has come to hand.

It is with feelings of heartfelt thankfulness that I receive from the Grand Lodge of Michigan this distinguished mark of their approval. To have presided over so eminent a body is an honor of which any man may well be proud. To have met so cordial an assurance of their continued friendship, will ever be, to me, a source of grateful remembrance.

The value of this beautiful jewel is enhanced by coming through your hands, my brother, and I hope so to wear it as to bring no regret to the donors. With my most grateful acknowledgments to the Grand Lodge for the honor conferred on me,

I remain, fraternally, yours,

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON.

Bro. ROBINSON offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Accounts :

Whereas, a number of brethren, in the village of Manchester, Wash-

tenaw Co., did petition this Grand Lodge, in 1855, for a dispensation to form a new Lodge, and sent with it the customary fee of ten dollars—said dispensation has never been received or heard from ; therefore,

Resolved, That ten dollars, with interest, be refunded to Manchester Lodge, or applied on her present dues.

On motion, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the petition of Quincy Lodge, praying for the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, for the Upper Peninsula, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report :

That such an appointment would be contrary to the provisions of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and that, therefore the prayer ought to be denied.

S. C. COFFINBURY,
R. P. ELDRIDGE.

The Special Committee, appointed last year, to whom was referred Bro. HUBBARD's preamble and resolutions, respecting various editions of the "Craftsman," made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

At the last meeting of this Grand Body, the following preamble and resolution was submitted to the undersigned :

" *Whereas*, Bro. C. MOORE, of Cincinnati, has introduced a new edition of his 'Craftsman,' other than the one adopted by the Grand Lodge, January 14, 1847, and thereby creating confusion among the workmen. Therefore, be it

" *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge approve of the 'Craftsman' as compiled by Bro. C. MOORE at that time, and recommend it to be used by all Lodges within this jurisdiction."

Your Committee, therefore, beg leave to report, that they have given the subject embraced in the said preamble and resolution such attention as

they have deemed necessary, and hereby submit their views for the consideration of this Grand Body.

The use of Monitors in our Lodge Rooms is twofold. *First*, to enable the master to explain, and impress upon the minds of candidates and brothers, the noble tenets and moral principles of our profession; *And, second*, to maintain and secure uniformity of work and lectures in all our subordinate Lodges.

The First edition of Bro. C. MOORE's "Craftsman," has been in very general use by our subordinate Lodges, since it received the recommendation of this Grand Body. We have carefully compared this first, with the second edition of Bro. MOORE's work, and with "Webb's Monitor," so called, and find no essential difference between the three. Neither of the three named place the symbols in the first degree, which represent the jewels in the Entered Apprentice Lodge, in the order in which they are arranged by our lectures in that degree. By our lectures, in the Entered Apprentice degree, the movable jewels are first explained. In the symbols, as arranged in the first and second editions of Bro. MOORE's work, and "Webb's Monitor," the "immovable jewels" come first. In the third degree, the three steps, emblematical of youth, manhood and age, are first in order on the Master's carpet in both editions of Bro. MOORE's work, and first in order in our explanation of the figures delineated thereon; while in "Webb's Monitor" they are placed immediately preceding the setting-maul, spade and coffin, and in that respect do not conform to our lectures explanatory of the Master's carpet, so far as order is concerned. These, however, are trifling discrepancies, and cannot have any material influence upon the work and lectures in the first three degrees.

One great and paramount object which this Grand Body has had constantly in view since the adoption, by its edict, of the "Baltimore Work," so-called, has been to obtain uniformity of work and lectures by the several Lodges of our State, that our subordinate Lodges should work and lecture pursuant to this Baltimore Work. When the Masters of our subordinate Lodges are thoroughly posted in *our* work and lectures, they will find no difficulty in using either of the monitors named.

We are more familiar with the first edition of Bro. MOORE's work, and have ever found it a valuable assistant to us in explaining the tenets and principles of our fraternity to candidates and brothers in the three first degrees.

For the Master Mason, who is in search of further light, the second edition of Bro. MOORE's work is by many deemed equal, if not superior, to his first edition, and to "Webb's Monitor."

As a work to be used in the Lodge room, while conferring the three first degrees, we do not consider the second edition of Bro. MOORE's "Craftsman" as appropriate as his first edition, or as "Webb's Monitor;" and mainly on account of the length of the respective charges to the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, which we deem much longer than necessary to impress upon the mind of the young Mason the leading and fundamental tenets and principles of our order.

Thus much we have deemed it necessary to say in relation to the "Monitors" or "Craftsmen" we have named, and our remarks in relation to them will apply, as a general rule, to the Monitors published by Bro. ROSS and Bro. MACOY, which we are informed are used in more or less of the Lodges of our State.

That there is some, and perhaps a great difference in the work and lectures of the various Lodges of our State, is conceded, which tends in some degree to produce "confusion among the workmen." But that difference does not, in our opinion, result from the use of any or either of the "Monitors" named, but is owing *entirely* to the fact, that the Masters of our subordinate Lodges, in many cases, have not made themselves *perfect* in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Body. The edicts of our Grand Lodge are *not advisory*; they are *mandatory*. And every Master Mason, and especially the Masters of our subordinate Lodges, are imperatively bound to obey those edicts.

Much trouble, leading to differences in the work and lectures in our subordinate Lodges, and thereby creating "confusion among the workmen," has grown out of the fact, that many of our older Masons, who learned their "work" and "lectures" before this Grand Body adopted the "Baltimore Work," so-called, have failed to perfect themselves in the work and lectures of this "Baltimore Work," and hence, when applied to for information, by uninformed brethren, have too frequently sowed *tares*, instead of good seed, whereby the work has suffered, and the teachings of our lectures been less effective.

Our mystic temple should be a perfect work, and every brother who gains admission within its sacred portals should ever have but one aim and one purpose, namely, to preserve, unchanged and in its purity, the foundation, structure, and finish of that temple.

This, your committee believe, can only be done by working and lecturing as this Grand Body, in its wisdom, has decreed we *must* work and lecture. When, therefore, the Masters of our subordinate Lodges perfect themselves in *our work and lectures*, they cannot, in the opinion of your committee, experience any difficulty in the use of either of the "Craftsmen" or "Monitors" referred to in this report, while at work in their respective Lodges; therefore, your committee cannot see any necessity for further action by this Grand Body, in reference to the subject matter embraced in said preamble and resolution, and respectfully recommend that said preamble and resolution be indefinitely postponed, and ask that they may be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. P. ELDRIDGE, *Chairman*.

F. DARROW.

Bro. ELDRIDGE then offered the following preamble and resolution, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law :

Whereas, There are differences in our subordinate Lodges, in respect to

the manner of balloting for the several degrees and for membership, and, also, as to the manner of placing the three lights in the Lodge; some Lodges placing the box on the altar and directing the brethren to approach the altar and deposit their ballots; other Lodges directing the Junior Deacon to distribute and the Senior Deacon to collect the ballots.

Whereas, It is desirable that the manner of balloting should be uniform; therefore

Resolved, That the subject matter of the foregoing preamble be referred to the Committee on Masonic law, with instructions to consider and report their views upon said subject matter for consideration of this Body.

An appeal from the action of Evergreen Lodge, No. 9, in the matter of the expulsion of JAMES A. STEELE, by said Lodge, was presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

A general conversation then was had on various parts of the esoteric work, when the following resolution was offered by Hon. G. W. PECK, P. G. M., and referred to a special committee, consisting of Hon. G. W. PECK, P. G. M., Hon. WM. M. FENTON, P. G. M., JAMES FENTON, Grand Secretary, and P. M., J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, P. G. M., and J. E. MARVIN, P. M.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of five Past Grand Masters or Past Masters, be appointed by the M. W. G. M., whose duty it shall be to identify and establish the esoteric work heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge, according to the key in the secret archives; and the Grand Visitor and Lecturer is hereby required to verify his work and lectures with the said committee, conforming in all respects to the work so identified and established by them.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution relative to the manner of balloting and placing the lights in our Lodges, respectfully report, that the placing of the box upon the altar is inconsistent with our sense of propriety, and is hereby forbidden.

S. C. COFFINBURY,
A. B. CUDWORTH,
R. P. ELDRIDGE.

A petition from sundry brethren residing in the village of

Wyandotte, in this jurisdiction, recommended by Trenton Lodge, No. 8, was received and referred to the M. W. Grand Master.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Your Committee on Grievances to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. ANDREW J. KINNE, from the action and decision of Colon Lodge, No. 73, rendered April 16th, 1864, in the matter of a complaint by said Bro. KINNE against Bro. S. S. WARE, a member of that Lodge, respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration, and do find the following facts, viz:

Previous to June, 1862, Bro. KINNE had employed Bro. WARE to build a house. The house was built, but in a manner unsatisfactory to Bro. KINNE, and personal differences arose between them. Bro. KINNE filed charges against Bro. WARE, June 21st, 1862, founded on these personal differences, and the said defective work.

The Lodge proceeded to a trial of these charges, and during the proceedings both parties agreed to submit all these matters of difference to Masonic referees, and to abide by their decision. The facts were investigated by the referees, and due report made to the Lodge, and "the report of the referees was accepted as the sense of the Lodge," Sept. 6, 1862.

Bro. WARE refused to abide by such report and decision of the Lodge, and continued so to refuse till April 16th, 1864, when Bro. KINNE again presented charges against Bro. WARE, founded in substance on his said refusal to comply with the said report and decision. The new charges contained the following specifications: "1st, I charge him with contumacy. 2d, I charge him with violating his solemn pledge to the Lodge, to abide the award of the referees. 3d. I charge him with violating his obligations as a Mason. 4th. I charge him with forfeiting his pledge of sacred honor as a man and Mason, made to me at sundry times." Some evidence was taken upon these charges, and a trial was had. The record of the Lodge on the subject contains these statements, viz:

"The first specification was ruled out by the W. Master."

"On motion, the Lodge then proceeded to ballot, and it was decided that the charges were not sustained."

On this statement of facts, your Committee are of opinion that the W. M. erred in refusing to entertain the first specification. We are also of opinion, from some details of the trial not stated above, that irregularities of substance occurred on the trial, to the prejudice of the complainant. For these reasons we recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the case of the appeal of Bro. A. J. KINNE, from the action of Colon

Lodge, No. 78, be remanded to said Lodge, with the order of the Grand
a new trial of the case, including the said first specification.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. EASTMAN JOH
GEO. HILL, Sr.,
of th

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer then pr
annual accounts, which were accepted and referred to t
Committee on Accounts.

REPORT.

R. W. LANDON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE M. W. G.

1864.			
Jan'y 14	To amount on hand,		
Feb'y 15	" " of Niles Lodge, No. 97,		
Mar. 5	" " " Grand Secretary,		
" 29	" " " " "		
April 28	" " " St. Joseph Valley Lodge, No. 4,		
May 12	" " " " "		
June 1	" " " Grand Secretary,		
" 18	" " " " "		
Aug. 9	" " " Niles Lodge, No. 97,		
Oct. 21	" " " Grand Secretary,		
Dec. 28	" " " " "		

Total,

1864.			
Jan'y 14	By Pay Roll,		
" 14	" Counterfeit bills of Grand Secretary,		
" 16	" Paid warrant No. 186,		
" "	" " " 187,		
" "	" " " 188,		
" "	" " " 189,		
March 1	" " " 190,		
" "	" " " 191,		
" "	" " " 192,		
" "	" " " 193,		
April 3	" " " 194,		
July 22	" " " 195,		
Aug. 17	" " " 196,		
Oct. 21	" " " 197,		
Dec. 28	" " " 198,		

1865			
Jan'y 12	Balance on hand,		

Total,

All of which, with the vouchers, is respectfully submitted

R. W. LA
Grand

DETROIT, January 12th, 1865.

REPORT.

JAMES FENTON, *Grand Secretary, in account with*

THE GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF MICHIGAN.

1864.		Dr.	
Jan.	23	To Lafayette Lodge for special dispensation, . . .	\$ 10 00
	26	Lapeer " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
	28	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
	29	Tyre, " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
Feb.	1	Charity, " " " " " " " " " " " "	20 00
		Flint, " " " " " " " " " " " "	20 00
	12	Charity, " " " " " " " " " " " "	15 00
	17	Zion, " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
	24	Allegan, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 00
	24	Blanchard " for balance dues, . . .	6 42
	27	Tyre " for special dispensation, . . .	15 00
		Zion " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
March	11	Allegan, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 00
	18	Michigan, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 00
	29	L. Moore, Grand Master, for special dispensations, . . .	250 00
May	6	Allegan Lodge, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 00
	31	L. Moore, Grand Master, " " " " " " " " " " " "	300 00
June	14	Charity Lodge, " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
	24	On account salary, . . .	175 00
July	5	Charity Lodge, for special dispensation, . . .	5 00
	14	W. T. Mitchell, D. G. M., " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
	19	Ionia Lodge, " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
		Charlotte Lodge, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 00
	22	Commerce " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 00
	29	Charity " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
Aug.	27	Maxson, " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
Oct.	5	Romeo, " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 00
	18	L. Moore, Grand Master, " " " " " " " " " " " "	230 00
Dec.	20	" " " " " " " " " " " "	130 00
		95 Grand Lodge Certificates, . . .	47 50
		5 Blue Books, . . .	1 25
		For new Lodges, as follows:	
Feb.		Saginaw Valley, . . .	20 00
		Salina, . . .	20 00
March	7	Olive, . . .	20 00
	28	Addison, . . .	20 00
April	12	Star of the Lake, . . .	20 00
May	27	Golden Rule, . . .	20 00
June	2	Dansville, . . .	20 00
July	14	North Newburg, . . .	20 00
	27	Coloma, . . .	20 00
Aug.	18	Vassar, . . .	20 00
Sep.	18	Fowlerville, . . .	20 00
Dec.	26	Mt. Vernon, . . .	20 00
Nov.	18	Milford, . . .	20 00
Dec.	31	Tracy, . . .	20 00
1865.			
Jan.	6	Lovell Moore, G. M., for special dispensations, . . .	100 00
			<u>\$1,720 17</u>

1864.		Cr.	
		By paid for sundries, viz:	
		Postage Stamps,	\$7 57
		Express Charges,	1 40
		Ribbon for Charters,	1 50
		Repairing Lock,	87
		Revenue Stamps,	4 00
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			\$ 15 34
March 29	Paid to Grand Treasurer,		393 00
June 1	" " "		300 00
July 22	" " "		35 00
Oct. 18	" " "		250 00
Dec. 28	" " "		150 00
		One year's salary,	350 00
		Balance on hand,	226 83
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			\$1,720 17

DETROIT, January 11, 1865.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

The throne of grace was invoked by the M. Reverend Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. E. W. HARRIS, it was

Resolved, That edict No. 7 be amended, for this session of the Grand Lodge only, so as to allow ten cents per mile for traveling fees, and three dollars per day for the representatives mentioned in said edict.

The Grand Lodge then, pursuant to the special order, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices set opposite their names respectively, to wit:

W. T. MITCHELL, Port Huron, - -	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
S. C. COFFINBURY, Constantine, - -	<i>R. W. D. Grand Master.</i>
A. T. METCALF, Kalamazoo, - -	<i>W. S. Grand Warden.</i>
A. PARTRIDGE, Birmingham, - -	<i>W. J. Grand Warden.</i>
Rev. S. CLEMENS, Detroit, - -	<i>M. R. Grand Chaplain.</i>
JAMES FENTON, Detroit, - -	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
R. W. LANDON, Niles, - -	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
S. BLANCHARD, Tecumseh, - -	<i>Grand Visitor and Lecturer.</i>
R. BULLMAN, Detroit, - -	<i>Grand Architect.</i>

D. A. WRIGHT, Austin, - - -	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
DAVID H. BAKER, Fentonville, - -	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
OLIVER DODGE, Capac, - - -	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
GEORGE E. HUBBARD, Grand Haven, -	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
L. A. RODGERS, Grand Rapids, -	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
CHAS. D. HOWARD, Detroit, - - -	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

An appeal from the action of J. Moor's Lodge, No. 95, in expelling J. P. RITTER, was presented on his behalf, and, on motion, was laid on the table until the next session of the Grand Lodge ; and it was ordered that said J. Moor's Lodge do make a full return of all proceedings had in the case.

The petition of sundry brethren, residing at Brooklyn, Jackson County, in this jurisdiction, recommended by Manchester Lodge, No. 148, praying to be congregated into a regular lodge, was presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Examination.

The Special Committee heretofore appointed to compile the constitution, edicts, by-laws and rules of the Grand Lodge, then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, from the Committee of five, appointed at the annual Communication of this Grand Lodge for the year 1864, to compile amendments to the Constitution and by-laws, and to compile the edicts of this Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following report.

Your Committee have inserted all amendments to the Constitution in their proper places, in the Constitution, as published in the *Blue Book*, dated in 1857.

Your Committee recommend to strike out from Edict No. 1, all after figures 5843.

All edicts passed since 1857, the date of the publication of the said *Blue Book*, your Committee have compiled, appropriately, with respect to the date of their passage, and in regular continuation of those contained in the said *Blue Book*, which said compilation is contained in schedule A, herewith submitted, which said *Blue Book* and schedule A contain all amendments to the constitution, by-laws and edicts passed or adopted since the Grand Communication of 1857, to which your Committee, for further particulars refer, and recommend that the same, collectively, be published, as the constitution, laws and edicts of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee further recommend that the said edicts be arranged by the Grand Secretary for publication, with reference to their relative subjects and without reference to their dates, and respectively mentioned with marginal notes indicating the several subjects, and containing the date of their passage.

Your Committee further recommend that edicts No. 2, No. 5, No. 23, and No. 24, as now arranged in the *Blue Book*, be omitted.

And, your Committee further recommend, that the Grand Secretary be directed to have 1,000 copies of the constitution, by-laws and edicts, as compiled, to be printed and bound, and that one copy be sent to each Lodge in this jurisdiction; and that he be authorized to sell the same, at cost price, to any Master Mason, in good standing, applying for the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. C. COFFINBURY.
W. T. MITCHELL.

The Standing Committee on Accounts then made the following report which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Standing Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the accounts of the current year, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and find them correct.

First—The account of the Grand Secretary shows that he

has received, for special dispensations,	\$1,385 00
Dispensations for charters,	280 00
Miscellaneous items,	55 17
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	\$1,720 17
 Paid out for sundries,	 \$15 34
Paid Grand Treasurer,	1,128 00
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	\$1,143 34
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	\$576 83
One year's salary as Secretary,	350 00
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Leaving in Secretary's hands,	\$226 83

Second—The account of Richmonds & Backus, for stationery, for \$26.02, as correct, and recommend it to be paid.

Third—The account of Godfrey, Dean & Co., for lettering the frames of Grand Masters, in this hall, \$4.25, and recommend it be paid.

Fourth—As far as regards the claim of the members of Manchester

Lodge, your Committee recommend its payment with interest, to be applied on their dues—amount and interest for ten years, \$17.

Fifth—G. M. Moore presents an account for printing and stationery, for use of Grand Master, amounting to . . . \$47 60
 Traveling expenses, on official business, 187 00
\$234 60

As the amount actually paid out for the use of this Grand Body, we would recommend the same to be allowed and paid.

Sixth—Account of Bro. J. J. Randall, for photograph of Grand Master Moore, for this hall, amounting to \$11.25, and would recommend it to be paid.

Seventh—The Grand Treasurer reports amount on hand, at our last Annual Communication, \$43 49
 Received from Grand Secretary, 5,933 38
 Received from various sources, 25 00
\$6,001 87

Which has been disposed of as follows:

Pay roll, \$1,242 62
 Counterfeit money, from G. S., 10 00
 Paid warrants, from No. 186 to 198 inclusive, 1,419 00
\$2,761 62
 Balance on hand, in hands of Treasurer, \$3,240 25

They also recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to settle with, and pay the balance to Chas. W. Moore, of Boston, for Freemason's Magazine, for use of Grand Lodge.

And, that Eureka Lodge, No. 107, be credited with ten dollars, sent by them and lost in the mail.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,
 J. W. CHAMPLIN,
 WM. DUNHAM.

A petition, from sundry brethren residing in Adrian, under this jurisdiction, praying to be congregated into a regular Lodge, at Adrian, and recommended by Adrian Lodge, No. 19, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Examination.

On motion, it was ordered, that the installation of the Grand officers elect, be made the special order for 9.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION, 7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, and the session opened with prayer by the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Hon. R. P. ELDRIDGE, it was

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Esoteric Work be entitled to the same mileage and per diem as is paid to members of this Grand Lodge.

A petition, for restoration, was received from R. S. CHENEY, and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

On motion of Bro. COFFINBURY, it was resolved as follows :

Whereas, by a recent accidental fire in the Village of Jonesville, the charter, jewels and Lodge furniture of Lafayette Lodge, No. 16, were destroyed ; therefore,

Resolved, That a new charter, in lieu of the one destroyed, be issued by the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, and having the number of the old one, without expense to said Lodge.

Bro. WEBBER offered the following resolution, which was referred to Standing Committee on Masonic Law :

Resolved, That no Lodge within this jurisdiction shall recognise, as a mandate from the M. W. Grand Master any printed circular received by mail, unless the said circular be authenticated by the seal of this Grand Lodge, or by the signature of the officer issuing the same.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the written resolution of Bro. WEBBER, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back without amendment, and recommend its adoption.

S. C. COFFINBURY.

The Standing Committee on Examination then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

The Standing Committee on Examination respectfully report that they have examined the by-laws and records of the following Lodges, working under dispensation, and recommend that charters be granted them by the titles and numbers as follows, to wit:

Farmington Lodge, No. 151, at Farmington, Oakland Co.
Redford Lodge, No. 152, at Redford, Wayne Co.
Williamston Lodge, No. 153, at Williamston, Ingham Co.
Saginaw Valley Lodge, No. 154, at Saginaw City, Saginaw Co.
Salina Lodge, No. 155, at Spaulding, Saginaw Co.
Olive Lodge, No. 156, at Chelsea, Washtenaw Co.
Addison Lodge, No. 157, at Addison, Lenawee Co.
Star of the Lake Lodge, No. 158, at South Haven, Van Buren Co.
Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159, at Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co.
Dansville Lodge, No. 160, at Dansville, Ingham Co.
North Newburg Lodge, No. 161, at North Newburg, Shiawassee Co.
Coloma Lodge, No. 162, at Coloma.
Cass River Lodge, No. 163, at Vassar, Tuscola Co.
Fowlerville Lodge, No. 164, at Fowlerville, Livingston Co.
Milford Lodge, No. 165, at Milford, Oakland Co.
Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 166, at Quincy, Branch Co.
Tracy Lodge, No. 167, at Deerfield, Lenawee Co.

Your committee further report, that they have examined the petitions and accompanying papers for the formation of Lodges at Adrian and Brooklyn, under this jurisdiction, and do recommend that charters be granted to them respectively, as follows:

Temple Lodge, No. 168, at Adrian, Lenawee Co.
Brooklyn Lodge, No. 169, at Brooklyn, Jackson Co.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN N. GOTT,
G. C. MUNRO,
JOHN P. FISKE.

On motion of Bro. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Committee on Compilation as provides for re-publishing the Constitution, etc., in book form, be rescinded, and that the alterations only be published as an appendix to the annual proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the Committee on Esoteric work be instructed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and report the same to the Grand Secretary, to be printed and transmitted to the Master of each Lodge in this jurisdiction, at least three months before the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. PARKS, it was

Resolved, That all Lodges chartered at this communication be allowed to hold an election for officers at any regular communication within two months.

On motion of Bro. Hon. G. W. PECK, it was

Resolved, That this year's annual dues of Lafayette Lodge, No. 16, be remitted, they having met with a severe loss in the destruction by fire of their hall, furniture, jewels and records.

The M. W. Grand Master then, by request, proceeded to exemplify the work in the several degrees, during which an instructive conversation was had respecting the mode and usage in olden times—many aged brethren taking part and relating their Masonic experience—when, on motion of Bro PECK, it was

Resolved, That the mode of giving the funeral honors prescribed by this Grand Lodge, in 1860, and to be found recorded on page 92 of the printed transactions for that year, be rescinded, and that this Grand Lodge does hereby direct that the public Grand Honors to be given on public occasions shall be the ancient mode, to wit: Both arms crossed on the breast, the left uppermost, then raised above the head the palms striking each other, and then made to fall smartly upon the thighs, repeating this three times. On the occasion of funerals, each of these honors is to be accompanied by the words, "the will of God is accomplished; so mote it be," audibly pronounced by the brethren.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

R E P O R T.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. G. M.'s address as relates to Masonic Law, have carefully examined and considered the several decisions enumerated in that able document, and report that all of said decisions are in accordance with Masonic Law.

Your Committee are of the opinion that if Masons would carefully study the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, and the ancient landmarks of Masonry, the M. W. G. M. would be relieved from an onerous burden of duties, of answering questions that any W. M. ought to answer, and would be able to answer if he was to study the law that governs him and his Lodge.

S. C. COFFINBURY, *Chairman*.

On motion of Bro. ELDRIDGE, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to return and cancel revenue stamps to returns and other papers filed with him, and that it shall be found that such papers require such stamps.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

R E P O R T .

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

Your Committee on grievances do further respectfully report :

That the case of the appeal of JAMES A. STEELE, from the decision of the Evergreen Lodge, No. 9, at St. Clair, expelling the appellant from said lodge, has not come regularly before the Grand Lodge: there being no evidence before your Committee that any notice of appeal had been given to said Lodge, in writing or otherwise. We therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, reserving to appellant his right to appeal on due notice to the Lodge.

We further report, that in the case of LEROY S. BARRAS, expelled from the Adrian Lodge, No. 19, there is no evidence whatever of any appeal from said decision, and we herewith return the papers placed in our hands. If the proper evidence were presented of an appeal, we think, from an examination of the evidence taken on trial, that the sentence of expulsion would be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted by

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
GEO. HILL, Sr.

DETROIT, January 12th, 1865.

On motion of Bro. Hon. W. M. FENTON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to K. MUIR, Esq., Superintendent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, for his courtesy to the officers and agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, for their courtesy and liberality in granting return passes to our officers and members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from session to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 13th, 9 o'clock A. M.

After prayer by the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law, to which was referred the appeal of Bro. A. B. CUDWORTH, from a decision of Pontiac Lodge No. 21, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following report:

Your Committee find the following facts:

1st. That at a communication of said Lodge a preamble and resolution was adopted in the words following:

"Whereas, Bro. FRANCIS DARROW has served as W. M. of this Lodge for many years, and upwards, and has signally distinguished himself by his promptness, integrity and urbanity; therefore,

Resolved, That he be and is hereby declared an honorary member of this Lodge, entitled to speak and vote upon all questions before this Lodge, and all other rights and benefits therein."

2d. That on the 9th day of December, 1864, Bro. DARROW was elected W. M. and on the 27th day of December, 1864, was installed as W. M. of said Lodge.

The appellant assigns as the reason of his appeal or complaint, that no honorary member of a Lodge under this jurisdiction can vote or hold an office in a subordinate Lodge.

Your Committee agree with the appellant that no honorary member of a Lodge can vote or hold an office in such Lodge.

Your Committee believe and so hold, that a Lodge cannot circumscribe or decrease the rights of one of its members without charges, trial and conviction of some offence or misdemeanor. That voting merits no such restriction as in this case, could not so affect the status of the honored one as depriving him from voting and holding office, and especially when the constitution reserves to the member all the franchise and benefits of a full membership of such Lodge.

Your Committee therefore report that Bro. DARROW is (whatever he may be) a full member in good standing, of Pontiac Lodge, No. 21, as such entitled to vote and hold office in the same, liable to be expelled from the Lodge with Lodge dues since the adoption of said resolution of said Lodge, and that it has the right to collect the same, unless remitted by a vote of the Lodge, and to pay Grand dues on account of such membership, to the Grand Lodge. And that said Pontiac Lodge, No. 21, be and it is hereby directed to account to this Grand Lodge for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. C. COFFINBURY, *Chairman*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Bro. CHAS. D.

D, Grand Steward and Tyler, for his services at this session of the and Lodge.

On motion of Bro. HARRIS, it was

Resolved, That the pay of the Grand Secretary for this year only be increased to \$500.

The Grand Lodge then took up the special order, to wit: installation of the Grand Officers elect. Whereupon the Grand Marshal, JOSEPH P. WHITING, presented Bro. WILLIAM T. MITCHELL, Grand Master, elect, who was duly installed by M. W. LOVELL MOORE, Grand Master. An appropriate piece of music was performed, while a procession was formed, and the Grand Master was duly proclaimed and saluted with the private Grand honors.

The Grand Marshal then successively presented the Grand Officers elect, who were duly installed, as follows:

S. C. COFFINBURY,	- - -	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
A. T. METCALF,	- - -	<i>W. Senior Grand Master.</i>
A. PARTRIDGE,	- - -	<i>W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
S. CLEMENS,	- - -	<i>Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.</i>
JAMES FENTON,	- - -	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
RUFUS W. LANDON,	- - -	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
S. BLANCHARD,	- - -	<i>Grand Visitor and Lecturer.</i>
REUBEN BULLMAN,	- - -	<i>Grand Architect.</i>
D. A. WRIGHT,	- - -	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
D. H. BAKER,	- - -	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
OLIVER DODGE,	- - -	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
GEORGE E. HUBBARD,	- - -	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
L. A. ROGERS,	- - -	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
CHARLES D. HOWARD,	- - -	<i>Grand Steward and Tyler.</i>

On motion of Bro. WALKER, it was

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be paid to our P. G. LOVELL MOORE, for incidental expenses during the past year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That an appropriate Past Grand Master's Jewel be procured and presented to our P. G. M. LOVELL MOORE, as a memorial of our appreciation of his eminent services.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure and present to P. G. M. Hon. G. W. PECK, an appropriate P. G. Master's Jewel,

in token of our remembrance of his able administration, during his term of office.

On motion of Bro. METZ, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do appropriate and donate the sum of fifty dollars, for the relief of our worthy Bro. S. CASWELL, P. G. Tyler, he being in indigent circumstances.

Bro. COFFINBURY offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas, The decease of our beloved Bro. O. B. DIBBLE has occasioned a vacancy in the Committee appointed in 1863, to erect a monument to H. S. ROBERTS, P. G. M., therefore,

Resolved, That Bro. John P. FLEE be appointed to fill such vacancy.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then made the following report, which was laid on the table :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

Your Committee further report, that they have in their hands a petition from R. S. CHENEY, who was expelled from Michigan Lodge, No. 50, in the year 1859, praying the Grand Lodge to make examination into his case, and, if found worthy, to restore him to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The petition is recommended to the favorable action of the Grand Lodge by the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Michigan Lodge, No. 50, and the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden of Jackson Lodge, No. 17.

No person has appeared before your Committee, nor has any evidence been presented to them on the subject, and they beg leave to refer the said petition back to the Grand Lodge, without any recommendation.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
GEO. HILL, Senr.

JANUARY 18, 1865.

The same Committee then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

Your Committee on Grievances do further respectfully report, that

have had under consideration the case of Grand River Lodge, No. 84, Ottawa Lodge, No. 122, referred to in the address of the M. W. Grand Master, on pages 16 and 17. Each of the said Lodges appeared before our Committee by its Worshipful Master. The complaint and specifications as set forth in the M. W. Grand Master's address, and in the papers submitted to us, are admitted to be true by Ottawa Lodge. On receiving mandate of the Deputy Grand Master, said Lodge refrained from advancement of the candidate.

By way of palliation of the infraction of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, it is said by Ottawa Lodge, and admitted by Grand River Lodge, that before conferring the Entered Apprentice degree on the candidate, a member of Ottawa Lodge, Bro. KOCH, being present in Ottawa Lodge, stated that two of the three principal officers of Grand River Lodge had given their verbal consent to the conferring of the degree on the candidate, and that their written consent would be given. And it is said, that Ottawa Lodge acted under the belief that such verbal consent had, in fact, been given; which fact is, however, denied by Grand River Lodge.

It further appears that Ottawa Lodge sent a written apology to Grand River Lodge for their act; intimating, at the same time, however, that Grand River Lodge had committed similar offences.

Under these circumstances, your Committee should, perhaps, close their report without any recommendation. The offence committed is a plain and gross violation of the constitution, and would, ordinarily, be followed by the severest Masonic penalty, viz.: the indefinite arrest of the charter. We feel inclined, however, to lean on the side of charity, as far as we conscientiously can, and feel disposed to seize hold of the slightest excuses rendered, and to recommend a less degree of severity.

We, therefore, recommend that said Ottawa Lodge, No. 122, be reprimanded by the M. W. Grand Master.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
GEO. HILL, Senr.,

On motion of Bro. COFFINBURY, Ottawa Lodge, No. 122, was directed to prefer charges, and bring to trial, the brother making the false statement set forth in the foregoing report.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That there shall be paid to the Grand Visitor and Lecturer the sum of eight hundred dollars, for his services during the present year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to our last Past Grand Master MOORE, for the able, enlightened, and dignified manner he has presided over this Grand Body during his term of office. Also, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are given to the remainder of the

past Grand officers, for their efficiency in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next annual communication of this Grand Council be held in the city of Detroit.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to the Monroe Chapter, No. 1, of the city of Detroit, the same being for the Grand Secretary's office the past year, and for use of this hall the next session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure the printing of the transactions, and such other matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having regard to the expense in his contract as well to the price, as to the time of performance.

There being no further business, the communication Grand Lodge was closed in harmony, in AMPLE FORM, after prayer by the W. and M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST :

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

[Submitted and approved January 13th, 1859—Adopted January 12th, 1860.]

ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 5 and 6—Add the words "Grand Archi-
t" after the words "Grand Chaplain," in each section.

ART. V., SEC. 1—Strike out all after the words "St. Johns,"
said section.

ART. VI.—Strike out SEC. 2, and substitute in lieu thereof:

(To be cut out and pasted in the Blue Book, page 14.)

SEC. 2. No candidate for initiation or membership
shall be proposed or balloted for at any other than a reg-
ular Communication; nor shall such proposition and bal-
lot be had at one and the same Communication.

 EXPELLED.

NAMES.	LODGES.	NO.
J. White Kelly,	Union of S. O.,	8
N. Webb Hunt,	" "	"
Leroy S. Barras,	Adrian,	19
Peter Raue,	Birmingham	44
W. H. C. Bliss,	Occidental	56
Chas. L. Goodhue,	Owosso,	81
L. Peaslee,	Bellevue,	83
D. S. Callendar,	"	"
A. B. Downer,	Lowell,	90
J. P. Ritter,	J. Moor's,	95
L. T. Rawson,	Decatur,	99
Thomas Forsyth,	Greenly,	103
H. D. Ellis,	Blissfield,	114
Lucius C. Knapp,	Ithica,	123
C. L. Ferris,	Ypsilanti,	128
William F. Henry,	Linden,	132
A. K. Vanaukin,	Mystic,	141
John S. Williams, E. A., .	Warren,	147
John W. Hunt,	Salina,	155

 REINSTATED.

NAMES.	LODGES.	NO.
A. E. Fechet,	Pine Grove,	11
Horace Hoovey,	Oxford,	84

LIST OF GRAND LODGES,

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WITH
THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	T. D. Merrick,	Little Rock.
California,	Alex. G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thomas B. Harris,	Hamilton, C. W.
Connecticut,	L. E. Hunt,	Hartford.
Colorado,	O. A. Whittemore,	Colorado City.
Delaware,	Benjamin N. Ogle,	Delaware City.
District of Columbia,	W. Morris Smith,	Washington.
Florida,	John B. Taylor, M. D.,	Tallahassee.
Georgia,	Simri Rose,	Macon.
Illinois,	Harman G. Reynolds,	Springfield.
Indiana,	Francis King,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	T. S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Greensburg.
Missouri,	E. T. Carr,	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana,	Samuel L. Todd,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Charles W. Moore,	Boston.
Missouri,	A. O'Sullivan,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	R. W. T. Daniel,	Natchez.
Minnesota,	George W. Prescott,	St. Paul.
New Hampshire,	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin, M. D.,	New York.
North Carolina,	William T. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nebraska,	S. D. Bangs,	Bellevue.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	William S. Cadwell,	Hillsboro.
Pennsylvania,	William H. Adams,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Thomas A. Doyle,	Providence.
South Carolina,	A. G. Mackey, M. D. . . .	Charleston.
Tennessee,	Charles A. Fuller,	Nashville.
Texas,	A. S. Ruthven,	Galveston.
Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Richmond.
Mont,	Henry Clark,	Poultney.
Wisconsin,	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory,	Elwood Evans,	Olympia.
Grand Orient of France,	Adolphe Perriere,	Paris.

1885. *TABULAR STATEMENT for the year ending December 27th, 1884.*

No.	Lodges.	Masters.	Address.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Dues paid.	Remarks.
1	ZION,	E. G. Allen,	Detroit,	41	1		7	16	2	152	\$75 75	
2	DETROIT,	John Stirling,	Detroit,	44	9		8	20		227	101 75	
3	UNION OF S. O.	John P. Fiske,	Detroit,	35	2	2		6		178	65 00	Dues not paid.
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY	John Woodruff,	Niles,	15	1		12	4		64		
5	ROCHESTER,	J. V. Lamberts,	Rochester,	16				5	2	50	29 00	
6	MT. CLEMENS,	Robert P. Eldredge,	Mt. Clemens,	15	3		10	4		55	28 75	
7	WASHINGTON,	A. D. Eldred,	Tekonsha,	28	4			17		56	39 50	
8	TRENTON,	Harry Saunders,	Trenton,	14				1		51	12 75	
9	EVERGREEN,	D. D. Odell,	St. Clair,	11	2			11	2	78	27 75	
10	DOWAGIAC,	P. D. Beckwith,	Dowagiac,	11	3			6		16	27 75	
11	PINE GROVE,	E. W. Harris,	Pt. Huron,	24				11		102	44 50	
12	BATTLE CREEK,	T. H. Tracy,	Battle Creek,	16	7		1	21	5	134	48 50	
13	PHENIX,	E. C. Jenner,	Ypsilanti,	18	13		1	6	8	92	38 25	
14	MURAT,	F. W. Sheldon,	Albion,	20				17		81	36 75	
16	LAFAYETTE,	Gee Krapp,	Jonesville,	56	1			10	2	156		Dues remitted.
17	JACKSON,	Benj. Porter,	Jackson,	37	2			8	1	145	75 00	
18	TYNE,	David Boyce,	Coldwater,	44	18	1		18		264	80 50	
19	ADRIAN,	Geo. H. Miller,	Adrian,	60	6			31	8	172	94 00	
20	ST. ALBANS,	Isaac Beers,	Marshall,	21	9			15	3	96	40 25	
21	PONTIAC,	F. Darrow, P. G. M.	Pontiac,	88	6			15	6	104	59 00	
22	KALAMAZOO,	G. M. Bushnell,	Kalamazoo,	23	6			15		148	46 75	
23	FLINT,	Abner Randall,	Flint,	46	1			38		181	70 75	

28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
UNION, HUMANITY, CONCORD, PORTLAND, FIDELITY, LANING, GRAND RIVER, SILOAM, IONIA, LYONS, HOWELL, WESTERN STAR, FRANKLIN, ROMEO, BIRMINGHAM, ORION, PLYMOUTH ROCK, AUSTIN, MERIDIAN SUN, MICHIGAN, ALMONT, HASTINGS, LAPEER, BACKUS, OCCIDENTAL, THREE RIVERS, PT. HURON, CLIMAX, CEDAR, LEXINGTON, S. WARD, EATON RAPIDS, MACOMB, WASHTENAW,	A. B. Aiken, Frank Mead, A. J. Paddock, M. B. Beers, Joseph T. Hayden, N. B. Jones, John W. Champlin, Thomas G. Greene, Peter B. Haight, Jas. G. Portman, Mylo L. Gay, Michael Hand, Wm. R. Traver, S. W. Belles, A. Partridge, Wm. E. Littell, John M. Wagl, Bela Cogshall, C. Jacobs, C. Warriner, Dewitt Hallock, W. S. Goodyear, H. K. White, Henry Tietfort, F. A. Potter, D. M. Bateman, John L. Newell, L. W. Lovell, H. T. Hirst, Arthur M. Clark, B. S. Horton, Morgan Vaughan, Henry Bennett, A. D. Crane,	Union City, Homer, Concord, Portland, Hillsdale, Lansing, Grand River, Constantine, Ionia, Lyons, Howell, Berrien, Litchfield, Romeo, Birmingham, Orion, Plymouth, Austin, Sturgis, Jackson, Almont, Hastings, Lapeer, Cassopolis, St. Joseph, Three Rivers, Pt. Huron, Climax, Clarkston, Lexington, Belle River, Eaton Rapids, Washington, Dexter,	28 5 27 34 29 20 43 12 32 19 31 4 33 25 18 11 17 20 7 28 11 21 14 11 19 16 18 15 10 22 6 16 19 14	1 7 6 5 1 4 4 3 3 19 31 4 33 25 18 11 17 20 7 28 11 21 14 11 19 16 18 15 10 22 6 16 19 14	15 1 7 10 4 10 15 6 2 6 1 1 8 1 29 20 2 4 1 8 3 2 5 1 6 11 3 8 7 4 1 2	61 45 90 73 181 108 172 90 116 78 112 38 35 95 85 44 85 75 96 92 27 47 55 51 91 116 95 63 105 39 83 47 62	36 14 42 41 55 42 81 28 54 34 48 13 40 13 20 38 25 44 25 31 43 24 40 26 17 36 42 37 20 32 26 28																														

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No.	LODGERS.	MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Reflected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid	REMARKS.
66	CAPITAL OF S. O.	J. W. Barker,	Lansing,	31			6	21	2	98	\$50 50	
67	ONTONAGON,	Enos M. Lamore,	Ontonagon,	1						37	17 25	
68	BUCHANAN,	Wm. S. Merrill,	Buchanan,	24				16		102	44 25	
69	TECUMSEH,	Lucius Lilley,	Tecumseh,	19					2	119	44 50	
70	MASON,	H. D. Crane,	Mason,	14	18		2	2	1	62	36 25	
73	COLON,	A. J. Kinne,	Colon,	16	9			16	6	67	28 45	
74	DUNDEE,	D. F. Wilcox,	Dundee,	19				6	1	53	29 75	
75	UTICA,	P. A. Knight,	Utica,	13		1		6		54	26 00	
76	LIVINGSTON,	M. F. Darrow,	Pinckney,	13						76	27 75	
77	SAGINAW,	Wm. J. Bartow,	East Saginaw,	15	6			11	2	61	31 75	
78	OTSEGO,	O. Eaton,	Otsego,	13	3			10		88	30 00	
79	GERMANIA,	M. C. T. Plessner,	Saginaw City,	4	7			8		30	11 25	
80	BYRON,	Warren Clough,	Byron,	29				18	5	74	38 75	
81	OWOSSO,	Henry Knill,	Owosso,	17		1		20		54	27 50	
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR,	R. H. Kern,	N. Baltimore,	8	2			12		55	30 50	
83	BELLEVUE,	M. S. Brackett,	Bellevue,	14	1	2		17		50	23 75	
84	OXFORD,	P. T. Morris,	Oxford,	13				4		159	21 25	
85	ANN ARBOR,	Chas. Boylan,	Ann Arbor,	47			2		3	119	64 45	
86	VALLEY CITY,	W. K. Wheeler,	Gd. Rapids,	38	6		12	16	2	92	64 18	
88	BUTLER,	A. Lampman,	Butler,	8	1		1			17	11 50	
89	MYRTLE,	L. J. Ford,	Belleville,	18				6	1	20	82 25	
90	LOWELL,	Edwin R. Chaw,	Lowell,	28		1	3	20	2	80	41 96	
91	ASHLAR,	Reuben Bulman,	Detroit,	37			3	104		104	48 20	
92	PRAIRIE,	Wm. A. Blake,	Galesburgh,	15	4			25	1	54	21 75	
93	STAR,	S. S. Hinkl,	Osseo,	9	4		6			11	54	
94	CHARITY,	J. P. Whiting,	Detroit,	43	12			48	4	134	70 75	

Also \$16.50 paid twice.

96	GREENVILLE,	W. Maxed, Junr.,	15	1	14	62	28 25
97	NILES,	D. D. Robinson,	5	8	2	50	16 50
98	WATERFORD,	F. W. Fifeid,	15	3	6	45	23 25
99	DECATUR,	Henry Canoll,	17	1	5	41	23 25
100	OAKWOOD,	Geo. D. Cowdin,	22	4	15	56	83 65
101	MARQUETTE,	M. H. Maynard,	4		10	54	17 75
102	BLANCHARD,	D. B. Tracy,	21		1	54	31 75
103	GREENLY,	Frederick Hart,	46	1	12	122	66 50
104	WHITE PIGEON,	Geo. G. Dupuy,	19	3	3	68	30 50
105	St. Johns,	J. W. Paine,	23	2	5	47	34 50
106	St. Petera,	J. B. Thomas,	6	1	1	60	18 75
107	EUREKA,	C. T. Southworth,	7		2	49	17 00
108	ROCKLAND,	Simon Uren,	9	8	10	50	21 47
109	FENTONVILLE,	Wm. Dunham,	23		19	134	53 98
110	HIRAM,	H. W. Lobdell,	17		1	81	32 00
111	ALLEGAN,	G. D. Smith,	14	1	13	54	31 25
112	WAYNE,	Chas. T. Barnard,	11			68	26 05
113	HAMILTON,	S. W. Perry,	48	5	12	144	68 50
114	BLISSFIELD,	J. B. Clement,	8	4	1	45	18 75
115	CORUNNA,	S. B. Raynale,	18	15	19	71	35 15
116	EXCELSIOR,	Lewis M. Powell,	18		13	70	33 80
117	READING,	A. B. Strong,	25	2	16	79	42 25
118	SCHOOLCRAFT,	John Struble,	21	1	18	1	73 36 25
119	RISEING SUN,	Newell Crissey,	20	1	17	51	30 64
120	CHARLOTTE,	E. S. Lacey,	25		4	70	87 00
121	COMMERCE,	Thad. A. Smith,	29		10	66	40 00
122	OTTAWA,	J. W. Barnard,	27	6	6	46	35 70
123	ITHICA,	Elijah Peck,	29	1	8	52	40 00
124	EAGLE,	O. L. Cowles,	21	5	6	07	32 25
125	FAIRFIELD,	F. Grandy,	27		24	64	39 50
126	FOREST,	O. Dodge,					12 25
127	OVID,	John A. Potter,	23		12	90	39 50
128	YPSILANTI,	Philo Ferrier,	6	1	1	81	22 75

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

No.	Lodges.	Masters.	Address.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
129	BAY CITY,	N. P. Bradley,	Bay City,	8	5		1	12	1	57	\$28 00	
130	STOCKBRIDGE,	C. G. Cool,	Stockbridge,	22	1			11	2	82	40 25	
131	NEWAYGO,	James Herron,	Newaygo,	14				34		67	80 25	
132	LINDEN,	J. B. Hyatt,	Linden,	8	2	1		8	1	60	20 75	
133	SALEM,	Alfred Miller,	Salem,	19	2			7	2	60	80 50	
134	HOLLY,	T. L. Patterson,	Holly,	25	4			9	4	59	33 50	
135	QUINCY,	R. H. Brelsford,	Hancock, L.S.	21				24	3	71	87 50	
136	POKAGON,	J. A. Shingledecker	Pokagon,	11	3		2	4		43	77 25	
137	MENDON,	Horace C. Clapp,	Mendon,	5				8	1	36	13 38	
138	PORT HOPE,	C. B. Cottrell,	Sand Beach,	12	3			1	1	37	23 00	
139	GD. HAVEN,	Geo. E. Hubbard,	Gd. Haven,	3				8		53	21 75	
140	MUSKEGON,	Charles T. Hills,	Muskegon,	26				23	2	72	38 00	
141	MYSTIC,	Mylo Clark,	Bronson,	20		1		17	1	44	34 00	
142	HARMONY,	R. B. King,	Memphis,	56				29	3	69	72 75	
143	RUSSELL,	Joseph Ingraham,	Berk's Corners	21				17		48	27 50	
144	HARMONY,	Geo. Kirkland,	Erk, Mon. Co.	11				2	1	36	15 98	
145	MAPLE RAPIDS,	Isaac Hewitt,	Maple Rapids,	31			1	9		54	42 50	
146	BOSTON,	W. Dowdman,	Saranac,	38			1	16	2	58	46 30	
147	WARREN,	H. W. Grinnell,	Hudson,	28	2			12		33	32 75	
148	MANCHESTER,	J. D. VanDuzen,	Manchester,	16				5	2	48	21 75	
149	UNION,	E. H. Glen,	Cooper,	19				4	1	44	36 00	
150	DRYDEN,	N. B. Eldredge, 2d,	Dryden,	33				10		35	39 00	
151	FARMINGTON,	O. B. Smith,	Farmington,	33				13	1	46	36 19	Also \$30 for charter.
152	REDFORD,	J. G. T. Zeigler,	Redford,	30				13		42	34 75	Also \$30 for charter.
153	WILLIAMSTON,	C. Peltz, S. W.,	Williamston,	30				5		25	17 50	Also \$30 for charter.
154	SAGINAW VALLEY,	D. M. Bennett,	Saginaw City,	13	3							

155	SALINA,	M. W. Quackenbush	27	1	12	85	38 12	Also \$30 for charter.		
156	OLIVE,	Andrew J. Frazer,	18		16	87	23 20	Also \$30 for charter.		
157	ADDISON,	Wm. Brown,	20		19	41	80 00	Also \$30 for charter.		
158	STAR OF LAKE,	L. H. Bailey,	17		1	32	19 22	Also \$30 for charter.		
159	GOLDEN RULE,	Chas. N. Richmond	9		1		18 00	Also \$30 for charter.		
160	DANVILLE,	M. M. Atwood,				16	11 25	Also \$30 for charter.		
161	NORTH NEWBURG,	A. Bainbridge,	12		2	29	16 25	Also \$30 for charter.		
162	COLOMA,	John L. Marvin,	9		2	10	11 25	Also \$30 for charter.		
163	CASS RIVER,	J. C. Kibbee, S. W.,	11			9	13 00	Also \$30 for charter.		
164	POWLERVILLE,	Henry N. Spencer,					15 80	Also \$30 for charter.		
165	MILFORD,	J. B. Newton,						\$30 for charter.		
166	MT. VERNON,	S. T. Sheriff,						\$30 for charter.		
167	TRACY,	Fordyce Hunter,						\$30 for charter.		
168	TEMPLE,	J. H. Cole,						\$30 for charter.		
169	BROOKLYN,	John M. Stowe,						\$50 for charter.		
U. D.	WYANDOTTE,	John Bishop,					20 00	For Dispensation.		
Totals			3175	368	15	122	1518	185	10078	5,385 89
For charters as above,										610 00
Two Special Dispensations,										10 00
Seventeen blue books,										8 50
Thirty Grand Lodge certificates,										15 00
Balance of Grand Secretary's account,										226 83
Paid Grand Treasurer										\$6,251 23

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No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
1	Zion.....	\$9 00	E. G. Allen.
2	Detroit.....	9 00	John Stirling.
3	Union of S. O.....	.....	.....	9 00	9 00	J. P. Fiske.
4	St. Joseph Valley.....	191	\$19 10	9 00	28 10	C. M. Alward.
5	Rochester.....	25	2 50	9 00	11 50	J. V. Lambertson.
6	Mt. Clemens.....	24	2 40	9 00	11 40	R. P. Eldredge.
7	Washington.....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	A. D. Eldred.
8	Trenton.....	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	H. Saunders.
9	Evergreen.....	56	5 60	9 00	14 60	D. D. Odell.
10	Dowagiac.....	178	17 80	9 00	26 80	W. H. Campbell.
11	Pine Grove.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	E. W. Harris.
12	Battle Creek.....	121	12 10	9 00	21 10	T. H. Tracy.
13	Phœnix.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	E. C. Jenner.
14	Murat.....	97	9 70	9 00	18 70	F. W. Sheldon.
16	Lafayette.....	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	Geo. Knapp.
17	Jackson.....	77	7 70	9 00	16 70	B. Porter.
18	Tyre.....	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	D. Bovee.
19	Adrian.....	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	G. H. Miller.
20	St. Albans.....	107	10 70	9 00	19 70	H. A. Tillotson.
21	Pontiac.....	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	D. Petty.
22	Kalamazoo.....	143	14 30	9 00	23 30	G. M. Bushnell.
23	Flint.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	A. Randall.
24	Mt. Harmon.....	180	18 00	9 00	17 50	J. J. Dressler.
25	Paw Paw.....	164	16 40	9 00	25 40	H. L. Eggleston.
26	Maxson.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	F. D. Beach.
27	Monroe.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	A. J. Sawyer.
28	Union.....	149	14 90	9 00	23 90	A. B. Aiken.
29	Humanity.....	107	10 70	9 00	14 63	G. A. Cook.
30	Concord.....	96	9 60	9 00	18 60	A. J. Paddock.
31	Portland.....	136	13 60	9 00	22 60	W. H. White.
32	Fidelity.....	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	Joseph T. Hill.
33	Lansing.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	Geo. W. Peck.
34	Grand River.....	160	16 00	6 00	22 00	J. W. Champlin.
35	Siloam.....	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	T. G. Green.
36	Ionia.....	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	P. B. Haight.
37	Lyons.....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	L. Bierce.
38	Howell.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	Mylo I. Gay.
39	Western Star.....	200	20 00	9 00	20 00	E. W. Brown.
40	Franklin.....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	J. Vanderwater.
41	Romeo.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	S. W. Belles.
44	Birmingham.....	19	1 90	9 00	10 90	E. Beardslee.
46	Orion.....	37	3 70	9 00	12 70	J. A. Treat.
47	Plymouth Rock.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	J. M. Ward.
48	Austin.....	52	5 20	9 00	14 20	B. Cogshall.
49	Meridian Sun.....	165	16 50	9 00	25 50	C. Jacobs.
50	Michigan.....	77	7 70	9 00	16 70	C. Warriner.
51	Almont.....	48	4 80	9 00	13 80	D. Halleck.
52	Hastings.....	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	W. S. Goodyear.
54	Lapeer.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	H. K. White.
55	Backus.....	188	18 80	9 00	27 80	C. W. Clisbee.
56	Occidental.....	216	21 60	9 00	30 60	L. S. Mann.
57	Three Rivers.....	186	18 60	9 00	28 60	D. M. Bateman.

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58	Pt. Huron.....	60	\$6 00	9 00	\$15 00	H. Williams.
59	Climax.....	132	13 20	9 00	18 00	L. W. Lovell.
60	Cedar.....	35	3 50	9 00	12 50	H. T. Hirst.
61	Lexington.....	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	A. M. Clark.
62	S. Ward.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	W. H. Pringle.
63	Eaton Rapids.....	102	10 20	9 00	19 20	J. Gallery.
64	Macomb.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	H. Bennett.
65	Washtenaw.....	47	4 70	9 00	13 70	A. D. Crane.
66	Capital of S. O.	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	J. W. Barker.
68	Buchanan.....	196	19 60	9 00	28 60	W. S. Newell.
69	Tecumseh.....	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	D. Woodward.
70	Mason.....	115	11 50	9 00	20 50	P. Low.
73	Colon.....	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	A. J. Kinne.
74	Dundee.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	D. F. Wilcox.
75	Utica.....	27	2 70	9 00	11 70	P. A. Knight.
76	Livingston.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	M. F. Darrow.
77	Saginaw.....	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	W. L. Webber.
78	Otsego.....	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	O. Eaton.
80	Byron.....	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	W. Clough.
81	Owosso.....	85	8 50		14 10	J. Quackenbush.
82	Lake St. Clair.....	34	3 40	9 00	12 40	R. H. Kern.
83	Bellevue.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	M. S. Brackett.
84	Oxford.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	P. T. Morris.
85	Ann Arbor.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	C. Boylan.
86	Valley City.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	W. K. Wheeler.
88	Butler.....	127	12 70		11 00	A. Lampman.
89	Myrtle.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	A. P. Young.
90	Lowell.....	148	14 80	9 00	23 80	E. R. Craw.
91	Ashlar.....				9 00	R. Bulman.
92	Prairie.....	134	13 40		21 75	A. B. Sumner.
93	Star.....	111	11 10	9 00	20 10	S. S. Hinkle.
94	Charity.....			9 00	9 00	J. D. Weir.
95	J. Moor's.....	95	9 50	9 00	28 50	Wm. Sutton.
96	Greenville.....	167	16 70	9 00	25 70	W. Maxted, jun.
97	Niles.....	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	D. D. Robinson.
98	Waterford.....	33	3 30	9 00	12 30	F. W. Fifield.
99	Decatur.....	167	16 70	9 00	23 25	H. Cannoll.
100	Oakwood.....	42	4 20	9 00	13 20	G. D. Cowden.
102	Blanchard.....	57	5 70	9 00	14 70	W. Corbin.
103	Greenly.....	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	W. Mills.
104	White Pigeon.....	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	G. Dupuy.
105	St. Johns.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	W. W. Brainard.
106	St. Peters.....	203	20 30		18 75	J. B. Thomas.
107	Eureka.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	E. Willets.
108	Rockland.....			9 00	9 00	J. B. Wayne.
109	Fentonville.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	W. Dunham.
110	Hiram.....	31	3 10	9 00	12 10	W. A. Chamberlin
111	Allegan.....	168	16 80	9 00	25 80	C. M. Hawks.
112	Wayne.....	18	18 00	9 00	10 80	B. Hodgkinson.
113	Hamilton.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	O. Fowle.
114	Blissfield.....	82	8 20	9 00	17 20	J. B. Clement.
115	Corunna.....	87	8 70	9 00	17 70	S. Pettibone.

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116	Excelsior	65	\$6 50	9 00	\$15 50	L.
117	Reading	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	A.
118	Schoolcraft	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	Jo
119	Rising Sun	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	S.
120	Charlotte	137	13 70	9 00	22 70	E.
121	Commerce	37	3 70	9 00	12 70	S.
122	Ottawa	175	17 50	9 00	26 50	J.
123	Ithica	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	E.
124	Eagle	147	14 70	9 00	23 70	O.
125	Fairfield	78	7 80	9 00	16 80	E.
126	Forest	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	O.
127	Ovid	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	Jo
128	Ypsilanti	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	J.
129	Bay City	129	12 90	9 00	21 90	J.
130	Stockbridge	74	7 40	6 00	13 40	CH
131	Newaygo	200	20 00	6 00	26 00	Ja
132	Linden	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	J.
133	Saline	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	G.
134	Holly	55	5 50	9 00	14 40	A.
135	Quincy			9 00	9 00	D.
136	Pokagon	184	18 40	9 00	27 40	J.
137	Mendon	180	18 00		18 00	S.
138	Pt. Hope	131	13 10	9 00	22 10	C.
139	Grand Haven	188	18 80	9 00	21 75	W
140	Muskegon	204	20 40	9 00	29 40	C.
141	Mystic	140	14 00	9 00	23 00	M
142	Memphis	52	5 20	9 00	14 20	R.
143	Harmony	48	4 80	9 00	13 80	J.
144	Russell	60	6 00	9 00	14 60	G.
145	Maple Rapids	114	11 40	9 00	20 40	Is
146	Boston	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	E.
147	Warren	91	9 10	9 00	18 10	E.
148	Manchester	49	4 90	9 00	13 90	J.
149	United	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	E.
150	Dryden	54	5 40	9 00	14 40	Ja
U. D.	Farmington	19	1 90	6 00	7 90	Jo
"	Redford	13	1 30	9 00	10 30	J.
"	Saginaw Valley				17 50	D.
"	Salina	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	M
"	Olive	54	5 40	9 00	14 40	A.
"	Addison	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	W
"	Star of Lake	200			19 20	L.
"	Dansville	82			11 25	M
"	North Newburg	75	7 50	9 00	16 25	A.
"	Coloma				11 25	B.
"	Golden Rule	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	A.

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GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
Grand Master,	160	16 00	9 00	\$25 00	L. MOORE.
Deputy Grand Master,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	W. T. MITCHELL.
Senior Grand Warden,	143	14 30	9 00	23 30	A. T. METCALF.
Junior Grand Warden,	18	1 80	9 00	10 80	A. PARTRIDGE.
Grand Chaplain,				25 00	D. B. TRACY.
Grand Architect,			9 00	9 00	W. BARCLAY.
Grand Treasurer,	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	R. W. LANDON.
Grand Visitor, and Lect'r,	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	S. BLANCHARD.
Senior Grand Deacon,	52	5 20	9 09	14 20	D. H. WRIGHT.
Junior Grand Deacon,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	D. H. BAKER.
Grand Marshal,			9 00	9 00	J. P. WHITING.
Grand Sword Bearer,	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	C. J. KRUGER.
Grand Pursuivant,			9 00	9 00	H. METZ.
Grand Steward and Tyler.				50 00	C. D. HOWARD.
PAST GRAND MASTERS.					
W. M. Fenton,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	W. M. Fenton.
F. Darrow,	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	F. Darrow.
G. C. Munro,	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	G. C. Munro.
J. E. Johnson.	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	J. E. Johnson.
				\$3,020 61	

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LODGES
ARE HELD EVERY MONTH, ON THE DAYS FOLLOWING *on or before*
FULL MOON, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
1 Wednesday.	58 Thursday.	113 Wednesday.
2 Tuesday.	59 Wednesday <i>bef.</i> ☉	114 Tuesday.
3 Monday.	60 Thursday.	115 Tuesday.
4 Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉	61 Wednesday.	116 1st Friday.
5 Tuesday.	62 Thursday <i>bef.</i> ☉	117 Wednesday <i>be</i>
6 Wednesday.	63 Monday.	118 Monday.
7 Friday.	64 Friday.	119 Wednesday.
8 Wednesday <i>bef.</i> ☉	65 Friday.	120 Wednesday <i>be</i>
9 Wednesday.	66 Wednesday, <i>bef.</i> ☉	121 Thursday.
10 Saturday.	67 2d Tuesday.	122 Thursday.
11 Monday.	68 Friday <i>bef.</i> ☉	123 Wednesday.
12 Tuesday.	69 Friday.	124 Tuesday.
13 Tuesday.	70 Wednesday.	125 Saturday <i>bef.</i>
14 3d Monday.	73 Saturday.	126 Tuesday.
16 Thursday.	74 Tuesday.	127 Friday <i>bef.</i> ☉
17 2d and 4th Thursd.	75 Monday <i>bef.</i> ☉	128 Thursday.
18 1st Tuesday.	76 Tuesday.	129 Wednesday.
19 Wednesday.	77 Tuesday.	130 Thursday.
20 Friday.	78 Thursday <i>bef.</i> ☉	131 Thursday.
21 Friday.	79 Saturday <i>bef.</i> ☉	132 Tuesday <i>bef.</i> ☉
22 Wednesday.	80 Friday <i>bef.</i> ☉	133 Tuesday.
23 Monday.	81 Wednesday.	134 Friday.
24 Saturday.	82 Tuesday <i>bef.</i> ☉	135 1st Tuesday.
25 Tuesday.	83 Thursday.	136 Monday.
26 Monday.	84 Saturday.	137 Thursday.
27 Wednesday.	85 Wednesday.	138 Saturday <i>bef.</i>
28 Saturday.	86 Tuesday.	139 Wednesday.
29 Tuesday.	88 Wednesday.	140 Monday.
30 Tuesday.	89 Wednesday.	141 Saturday.
31 Tuesday.	90 Tuesday <i>bef.</i> ☉	142 Saturday.
32 Tuesday.	91 Thursday.	143 Thursday.
33 Thursday.	92 Saturday.	144 Thursday.
34 Wednesday.	93 Wednesday.	145 Tuesday.
35 Friday <i>before</i> ☉	94 Monday.	146 Monday.
36 Wednesday.	95 Tuesday.	147 Thursday.
37 Monday.	96 Monday.	148 Monday.
38 Wednesday.	97 Monday.	149 Saturday.
39 Wednesday.	98 Monday.	150 Wednesday.
40 Friday.	99 Tuesday.	151 Wednesday.
41 Thursday <i>bef.</i> ☉	100 Wednesday.	152 Friday.
44 Thursday.	101 1st Tuesday.	154 Thursday.
46 Thursday.	102 Wednesday.	155 Monday.
47 Friday.	103 Monday.	156 Tuesday.
48 Tuesday.	104 Tuesday.	157 Tuesday.
49 Monday.	105 Monday.	158 Tuesday <i>bef.</i> ☉
50 1st and 3d Weds.	106 Tuesday <i>bef.</i> ☉	159 Thursday <i>bef.</i>
51 Monday.	107 1st Tuesday.	160 Tuesday.
52 Wednesday.	108 2d Wednesday.	161 Wednesday.
54 Tuesday.	109 Wednesday.	162 Saturday.
55 Wednesday.	110 Monday.	163 Monday.
56 Thursday.	111 1st Wednesday.	164 Saturday.
57 Tuesday.	112 Monday.	166 Thursday.



List of Grand Officers for the Year

NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS

WM. T. MITCHELL, Port Huron,	St. W. Gra
S. C. COFFINBURY, Constantine,	R. W. Dep
A. T. METCALF, Kalamazoo,	W. Senior
A. PARTRIDGE, Birmingham,	W. Junior
S. CLEMENS, Detroit,	M. Rev. G
JAMES FENTON, Detroit,	Grand Sec
RUFUS W. LANDON, Niles,	Grand Tre
S. BLANCHARD, Tecumseh,	Grand Visi
REUBEN BULMAN, Detroit,	Grand Arc
D. A. WRIGHT, Austin,	Senior Gra
D. H. BAKER, Fentonville,	Junior Gra
OLIVER DODGE, Capac,	Grand Ma
GEORGE E. HUBBARD, Grand Haven,	Grand Swi
L. A. ROGERS, Grand Rapids,	Grand Put
CHARLES D. HOWARD, Detroit,	Grand Ste

*.*THE NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of
Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the second Wednesday,
January, 1866, at the City of Detroit.

It is indispensable that Secretaries forward the Returns of
the Session.

Address of Grand Secretary:

JAMES FENTON

24 May

West Holland

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD IN DETROIT,

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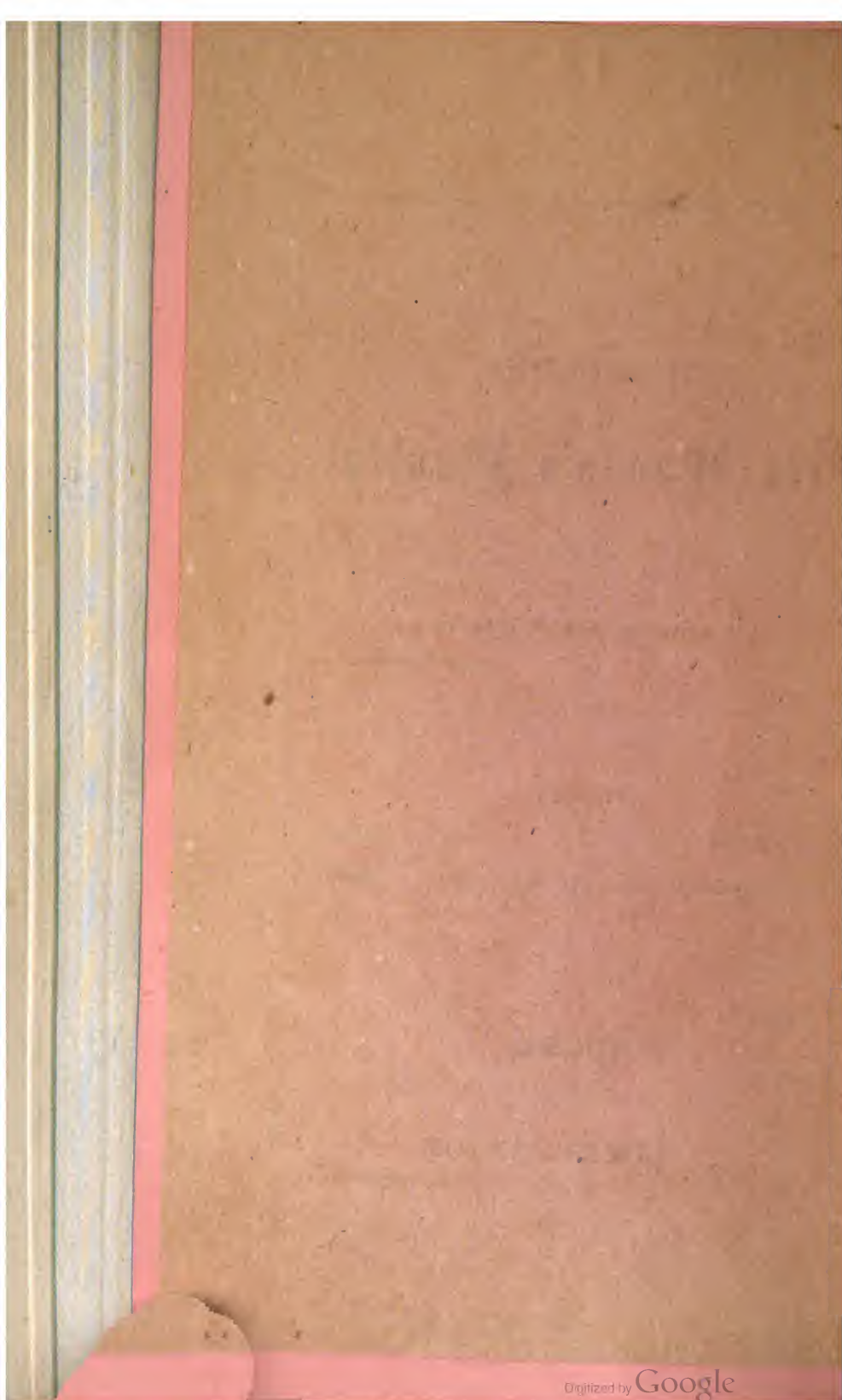
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OF THE
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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS convened, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, and the resolution of the last session, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (10th), A. L. 5866.

PRESENT:

M. W. WM. T. MITCHELL,	. GRAND MASTER.
R. W. S. C. COFFINBURY,	. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
W. A. T. METCALF,	. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" A. PARTRIDGE,	. JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" REV. S. CLEMENS,	. GRAND CHAPLAIN.
" JAMES FENTON,	. GRAND SECRETARY.
" RUFUS W. LANDON,	. GRAND TREASURER.
" S. BLANCHARD,	. GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.
" REUBEN BULMAN,	. GRAND ARCHITECT.
" D. A. WRIGHT,	. SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
" D. H. BAKER,	. JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
" OLIVER DODGE,	. GRAND MARSHAL.
" GEORGE E. HUBBARD,	. GRAND SWORD BEARER.
" L. A. ROGERS,	. GRAND PURSUIVANT.
WM. V. GRIFFITH,	. GRAND STEWARD AND TYLER.

At High Twelve the M. W. Grand Master called the Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. S. CLEMENS, V. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers ARTHUR CLARK, WM. WALKER and C. W. CLISBEE, a Committee on Communications, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit:

- No. 1—*Zion*—Hugh Johnson, W. M.; Thos. McGregor, A. J. Brow, J. W.; E. G. Allen, L. P. M.
- No. 2—*Detroit*—Wm. F. Moore, W. M.; Joseph T. Low, W.; George F. Peck, J. W.; John Stirling, L. P. M.
- No. 3—*Union of S. O.*—L. T. Griffin, W. M.; Joseph B. ton, S. W.; P. B. Austin, J. W.; John P. L. P. M.
- No. 4—*St. Joseph Valley*—Cass Chapman, S. W., and Rep. David Schnorf, J. W.
- No. 5—*Rochester*—J. V. Lambertson, W. M., and Rep. of L.
- No. 6—*Mt. Clemens*—Wm. S. Robinson, Rep. W. M. and H. Cartter, Rep. S. W.
- No. 7—*Washington*—Alvah D. Eldred, W. M. and Rep.
- No. 8—*Trenton*—A. McIlhenney, W. M.; A. Plumb, S. V. Bird, J. W.; H. Saunders, L. P. M.
- No. 9—*Evergreen*—D. D. Odell, W. M.; John Clark, Rep. Samuel Bendit, J. W.
- No. 10—*Dowagiac*—A. N. Alward, W. M., and Rep. of Lo
- No. 11—*Pine Grove*—E. W. Harris, W. M.; A. Dixon, S. V. D. Conger, Rep. J. W.
- No. 12—*Battle Creek*—A. B. Powell, W. M. and Rep. S. V. L. Livingston, Rep. J. W.
- No. 13—*Phoenix*—E. C. Jenner, L. P. M., and Rep. P. Edwards, Rep. S. W.; A. Guild, J. W.
- No. 14—*Murat*—F. W. Sheldon, W. M.; W. V. Morrison, and Rep. of J. W.
- No. 16—*Lafayette*—L. H. Corson, Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 17—*Jackson*—J. B. Tomlinson, Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; B. Porter, L. P. M. and Rep. J. W.
- No. 18—*Tyre*—D. Bovee, W. M. and Rep. S. W.; N. Rosebaum, J. W.
- No. 19—*Adrian*—J. W. Finch, W. M.; Silas Hurlbut, S. W.
- No. 20—*St. Albans*—H. A. Tillotson, W. M.; R. H. Powell, Rep. S. W.
- No. 21—*Pontiac*—A. B. Cudworth, W. M., and Rep. of J. W.; John B. Foster, S. W.
- No. 22—*Kalamazoo*—G. M. Bushnell, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 23—*Flint*—A. Randall, W. M.; A. J. Dense, S. W.; G. D. Lee, J. W.
- No. 24—*Mt. Herman*—L. A. Clapp, W. M., and Rep.
- No. 25—*Paw Paw*—Thos. H. Stevenson, L. P. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 26—*Mason*—D. R. Stroud, W. M.; J. J. Hogaboam, Rep. S. W.; R. B. Piper, J. W.
- No. 27—*Monroe*—A. J. Sawyer, W. M., and Rep. J. W.; F. Riley, Rep. S. W.
- No. 28—*Union*—A. B. Aiken, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 29—*Humanity*—M. W. Hatch, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 30—*Concord*—A. J. Paddock, W. M.; A. W. Reynolds, S. W.
- No. 31—*Portland*—B. F. Willey, Rep. W. M.; Geo. Hill, jun., S. W.; F. G. Lee, L. P. M., Rep. J. W.
- No. 32—*Fidelity*—Joseph T. Hayden, W. M.; J. Babcock, S. W.; W. S. Edwards, Rep. J. W.
- No. 33—*Lansing*—N. B. Jones, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 34—*Grand River*—J. W. Champlin, W. M.; L. H. Randolph, S. W.; Chas. J. Kruger, Rep. of J. W.; L. A. Rogers, L. P. M.
- No. 35—*Siloam*—T. G. Green, W. M.
- No. 36—*Ionia*—W. B. Wells, W. M.; E. P. Worden, Rep. S. W.
- No. 37—*Lyons*—J. W. Burns, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 38—*Howell*—J. T. Titus, W. M.; A. Buck, S. W.; W. C. Rumsey, J. W.; M. L. Gay, L. P. M.
- No. 39—*Western Star*—Andrew W. Mars, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 40—*Franklin*—D. Johnson, Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 41—*Romeo*—Saml. W. Belles, L. P. M., and Rep. of L.
 No. 44—*Birmingham*—A. Partridge, W. M.; E. W. Reyno
 W., and Rep. of S. W.
 No. 46—*Orion*—Vinecent Brown, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 47—*Plymouth Rock*—John M. Ward, W. M., and Rep. of
 No. 48—*Austin*—B. Cogshall, W. M.; H. Wright, S. W.
 Wheeler, Rep. of J. W.
 No. 49—*Meridian Sun*—N. I. Packard, W. M.
 No. 50—*Michigan*—John L. Mitchell, W. M. and Rep. of L.
 No. 51—*Almont*—D. W. Halleck, L. P. M., and Rep. of Loc.
 No. 52—*Hastings*—D. Striker, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 54—*Lapeer*—C. S. Hicks, W. M.; H. K. White, L. P. M.
 No. 55—*Backus*—Henry Tietzsort, W. M.; Chas. W. Clisbee,
 and Rep. of S. W.
 No. 56—*Occidental*—L. S. Mann, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 57—*Three Rivers*—D. M. Bateman, W. M., and Rep. of
 John Cowling, L. P. M., and Rep. of J. W.
 No. 58—*Port Huron*—Fred. L. Wells, W. M.; John S. B.
 S. W.; E. M. Cady, J. W.
 No. 59—*Climax*—Moses Hodgman, J. W., and Rep. of Lodg.
 No. 60—*Cedar*—Henry T. Hirst, W. M., and Rep. of J. W.
 T. Peter, S. W.; N. B. Smith, L. P. M.
 No. 61—*Lexington*—Arthur M. Clark, W. M.; George Drury
 No. 62—*S. Ward*—Wm. H. Pringle, Rep. of S. W.
 No. 63—*Eaton Rapids*—Geo. B. Hamlin, S. W., and Rep. V.
 James Gallery, Rep. of J. W.; Morgan Vaug
 P. M.
 No. 63—*Macomb*—Henry Bennett, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 65—*Washtenaw*—A. D. Crane, W. M.; Luther Palmer, f
 Wm. Eamon, J. W.; G. H. Lyon, L. P. M.
 No. 66—*Capital of S. O.*—J. Vankeuren, S. W. and Rep. of
 No. 67—*Ontonagon*—J. B. Wayne, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 68—*Buchanan*—Daniel Terriere, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 69—*Tecumseh*—P. J. Van Vleet, Rep. of Lodge.
 No. 70—*Musen*—B. Henderson, W. M.; C. H. Sackrider,
 S. W.; J. G. Hunt, Rep. of J. W.
 No. 73—*Colon*—A. J. Kenne, W. M., and Rep. S. W. and J.

- No. 74—*Dundee*—D. H. Wilcox, W. M.
No. 75—*Utica*—P. A. Knight, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 76—*Livingston*—M. F. Darrow, W. M.; H. A. Twitchell, S. W.; Wm. Ball, Rep. of J. W.
No. 77—*Saginaw*—W. J. Bartow, W. M.; Wm. L. Webber, Rep. of S. W.; Geo. C. Warner, Rep. of J. W.
No. 78—*Oscego*—W. Higgins, W. M., and Rep. of S. W.; O. Eaton, L. P. M., and Rep. of J. W.
No. 79—*Germania*—M. C. T. Plessner, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 80—*Byron*—Byron Boswick, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 81—*Owosso*—Henry Knill, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 82—*Lake St. Clair*—Wm. Randall, W. M.
No. 83—*Bellevue*—Rossel B. Hughes, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 84—*Oxford*—L. W. Stanton, J. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 85—*Ann Arbor*—John N. Gott, W. M.; Conrad Krapf, S. W.; Justus Carpenter, J. W.
No. 86—*Valley City*—W. K. Wheeler, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 89—*Myrtle*—M. R. Strong, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 90—*Lowell*—E. R. Craw, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 91—*Ashlar*—John A. Barnes, W. M.; R. Rowland, S. W.; Wm. G. Catlin, J. W.; R. Bulman, L. P. M.
No. 92—*Prairie*—M. W. Alfred, W. M.
No. 93—*Star*—Z. Phillips, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 94—*Charity*—J. W. Gilbert, W. M.; E. R. Landon, S. W.; Geo. Eaton, J. W.; J. P. Whiting, L. P. M.
No. 95—*J. Moor's*—L. L. Todd, W. M.; Geo. W. Kinney, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 96—*Greenville*—J. W. Belnap, Rep. of W. M.; H. B. Fargo, Rep. S. and J. W.,
No. 97—*Niles*—D. H. Freed, W. M.; J. H. Griffith, J. W.
No. 98—*Waterford*—Chas. Robertson, W. M.; M. R. Phillips, S. W.; J. Parkinson, J. W.; F. W. Fifield, L. P. M.
No. 99—*Decatur*—H. Canoll, W. M.
No. 100—*Oakwood*—John C. Jenkins, S. W., and Rep. of W. M.; Robt. Shimmmons, J. W.
No. 102—*Blanchard*—J. J. Russell, W. M.; D. B. Tracy, L. P. M.; W. Corbin, Rep. of J. W.

- No. 103—*Greenly*—Fred. Hart, W. M.; E. C. Linnell, J. W.
No. 104—*White Pigeon*—T. E. Clapp, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 105—*St. Johns*—Joseph R. Bromley, Rep. of W. M., and J. W.;
O. L. Spaulding, S. W.
No. 106—*St. Peter's*—John S. Jacks, W. M., and Rep. of J. W.;
M. H. Lee, S. W.
No. 107—*Eureka*—Henry S. Noble, Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; G.
R. Hurd, J. W.
No. 108—*Rockland*—Jas. Fenton, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 109—*Fentonville*—A. Reynolds, W. M., and Rep. of S. W.;
Hugh McCann, J. W.; Wm. Dunham, L. P. M.
No. 110—*Hiram*—Frederick Rhinehart, Rep. of W. M.; Hiram W.
Loddell, S. W.; Garrett Garretson, J. W.
No. 111—*Allegan*—Geo. D. Smith, W. M.; Henry Frank, J. W.
No. 112—*Wayne*—B. Hodginson, Rep. of W. M. and J. W.; S. T.
Curtis, S. W.
No. 113—*Hamilton*—G. C. Wyllis, W. M., and Rep. S. W.; N. S.
Sharp, J. W.
No. 114—*Blissfield*—Wm. M. Corbet, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 115—*Corunna*—S. Pettibone, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 116—*Excelsior*—Jno. Anderson, W. M.; Saml. Bunker, S. W.;
H. S. Smith, J. W.
No. 117—*Reading*—Daniel Kenney, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 118—*Schoolcraft*—D. Duncan, jr., W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 119—*Rising Sun*—Newell Crissey, Rep. of Lodge; Emory O.
Briggs, L. P. M.
No. 120—*Charlotte*—E. S. Lacy, W. M.
No. 121—*Commerce*—T. A. Smith, W. M.; O. Evans, Rep. of S.
W., and J. W.
No. 122—*Ottawa*—J. W. Barnard, W. M.
No. 123—*Ithica*—Wm. W. Comstock, W. M.; Elijah Peck, L. P.
M., and Rep. of S. W. and J. W.
No. 124—*Eagle*—J. H. Waterman, W. M.; Walter W. Stone, Rep.
of S. W.; O. L. Cowles, L. P. M.
No. 125—*Fairfield*—Stettman Bennett, J. W., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 126—*Forest*—Wm. B. Preston, L. P. M., and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 127—*Ovid*—William H. Faxon, S. W., and Rep. of W. M.

No. 128—*Ypsilanti*—W. Babcock, W. M. ; J. E. Marvin, Rep. of S. W. ; H. Hutchinson, J. W.

No. 129—*Bay City*—John S. Judson, Rep. of Lodge.

No. 130—*Stockbridge*—H. Gregory, S. W., and Rep. of W. M., and J. W.

No. 131—*Newaygo*—James Herron, W. M., and Rep. of S. W., and J. W.

No. 132—*Linden*—J. B. Hyatt, W. M.

No. 133—*Salem*—E. P. Clark, L. P. M., and Rep. of W. M., and J. W. ; M. Webb, Rep. of L. W.

No. 134—*Holly*—A. P. Waldo, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.

No. 135—*Quincy*—Jas. Fenton, Rep. of Lodge.

No. 136—*Pokagon*—J. A. Shingledecker, W. M., and Rep. S. W., and J. W.

No. 137—*Mendon*—H. C. Clapp, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.

No. 139—*Grand Haven*—George E. Hubbard, W. M. ; Chas. Pagelson, S. W.

No. 140—*Muskegon*—A. V. Mann, W. M. ; C. T. Hills, L. P. M.

No. 141—*Mystic*—Milo Clark, W. M.

No. 142—*Memphis*—A. M. Dixon, S. W., and Rep. of Lodge.

No. 143—*Harmony*—J. S. Smith, W. M., and Rep. of Lodge.

No. 144—*Russell*—George Kirkland, W. M. ; J. J. Sumner, S. W. ; Wm. Mason, J. W.

No. 145—*Maple Rapids*—Ruel W. Boynton, Rep. of Lodge.

No. 146—*Boston*—Lambert B. Barnum, Rep. of Lodge.

No. 147—*Warren*—H. W. Grennell, W. M. ; Enos Canniff, S. W. ; James Lowe, J. W.

> No. 148—*Manchester*—P. F. Blosser, W. M., and Rep. of S. W. and J. W.

No. 149—*United*—E. H. Glenn, W. M.

No. 150—*Dryden*—N. B. Eldridge, 2d, Rep. S. and J. W.

No. 151—*Farmington*—John H. Smith, W. M. ; Jas. Baldwin, S. W. ; N. Lee, J. W.

No. 152—*Redford*—Julius Ziegler, W. M. : Geo. M. F. Davis, S. W. ; Humphrey Hickey, J. W.

No. 153—*Williamston*—J. W. Waldo, W. M. ; E. P. Loranger, J. W.

- No. 154—*Saginaw Valley*—Wm. McBratnie, S. W.;
Smith, J. W.
- No. 155—*Salina*—M. W. Quackenbush, W. M.; William
J. W.
- No. 156—*Olive*—A. F. Sawyer, W. M.; J. M. Congdon,
- No. 157—*Addison*—Wm. Brown, W. M.; S. A. Iveson,
- No. 158—*Star of the Lake*—Liberty H. Bailey, Rep. of L
- No. 159—*Golden Rule*—Robt. Price, W. M.; B. G. Mill
G. H. Rhodes, J. W.
- No. 160—*Dansville*—M. M. Atwood, W. M.; D. L. Cr
W.; M. B. Jessup, J. W.
- No. 161—*North Newburg*—Albert Bainbridge, Rep. of L
- No. 162—*Coloma*—B. B. Tucker, W. M., and Rep. S. W.
- No. 163—*Cass River*—J. C. Kibbee, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 165—*Milford*—Joseph F. Pickering, W. M.; Hurl
S. W.
- No. 166—*Mt. Vernon*—T. S. Dorsey, W. M.; Martin H
of S. W., and J. W.
- No. 167—*Tracy*—Nathan Manley, W. M., and Rep. of L
- No. 168—*Temple*—W. F. King, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 169—*Brooklyn*—W. S. Culver, W. M.; J. C. Shar
C. S. Webster, J. W.

It appearing that a constitutional number of L
represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Gr
in **AMPLE FORM**.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last con
be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now i
of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand L
labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons, in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

In the interval since our last annual communication, a great change has passed over our beloved country, interesting and affecting us as Masons, in common with all other citizens.

Then war, with all its attendant evils and horrors, was raging in the land, conducted on the one side for the overthrow, and on the other for the maintenance of our free institutions. Now peace has been reestablished and the white winged dove hovers over all the land, dispensing and scattering her manifold blessings to all.

While we, as Masons, entered not into and had no part in the political questions and fierce passions of that bitter and terrible struggle, as citizens, members of the commonwealth, whose broad ægis shields and protects our ancient Order and ourselves, we gave to our country the calm and steadfast support that became us as men and Masons, not countenancing disloyalty or rebellion, but "patiently submitting to the magisterial authorities of the land in which we live," we have proved ourselves, I trust, without exception "quiet and peaceable citizens, true to our country and just to our government."

Peace has re-opened the old fording places that so long divided us from a large portion of our Brethren, and we are again permitted to extend to them the right hand of fellowship and to pronounce aright

the Shibboleth of re-union and fraternity, that will enable us to pass and re-pass without let or hindrance from those who once kept watch and ward at the water fords.

And while no political or religious discussions or disputes have ever been, and never will be tolerated within our sacred walls, so long as we adhere to the ancient and honored land-marks of our Order, it becomes us as men and Masons, here, at this time, at this our first communication after the return of peace, to manifest our gratitude and give thanks to the Almighty Architect and Controller of the Universe, for the great blessings He has bestowed upon and restored to us.

In humble and thankful reverence let us all, together with all created intelligences, most humbly bow before His glorious name. Let our trust ever be fixed and well founded in Him, and He will enable us to rightly spread the cement of brotherly love and affection that shall once more unite into one sacred band of friends and brothers the entire body of Masons throughout the entire length and breadth of the land. And may I not add that the fraternal tie of Masonry, properly understood and used, will aid more than all other mere social ties, in binding together the States of our Union in bonds of fraternity and concord, that no future spirit of disunion will dare attempt to break. Let us see to it that we withhold not that true charity and spirit of forbearance, tempered with justice to ourselves and our country, which upon our first entry within the Lodge was so impressively taught us.

War has left its marks of desolation and distress, and amidst the blessings of peace and plenty, we are constantly reminded, by the corn, wine and oil we carry in our processions, "that in the pilgrimage of human life, we are to impart a portion of our bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of our wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of our consolation into the wounds which sickness hath made in the bodies, or affliction rent in the hearts of our fellow travelers."

During the war our Masonic Brethren on both sides showed that they were not unmindful of these duties. The instances of relief and help at Masonic hands are numberless. Charities, that should not pass unremembered or unhonored, done despite the bitter and

entless strife, were witnessed on many a field after the battle's carnage had strewed it with distress and death, and made lighter the burden of weary months in cruel prisons.

I give you a single instance, as communicated in a letter handed me by our R. W. G. Lecturer and Visitor, Bro. BLANCHARD, from Bro. JAMES MERCER, W. M. of Albany Lodge, No. 24, of Albany, Georgia, exhibiting in some degree the strength of Masonic ties, that dictated in the midst of their own destitution, the relief of Masons held prisoners of war by the rebel authorities. It contrasts most strongly with the treatment of naked, starving prisoners, by those who felt no such obligations:

ALBANY, GA., April 15, 1865.

W. M. NUTT:

Dear Sir and Brother:—In response to an appeal made through you, by certain Master Masons, Federal prisoners, some of the members of the Fraternity in this place have got up a small lot of clothing, provisions and money, to relieve their immediate wants.

On account of the short time given, supposing they will soon be exchanged, together with other circumstances, we have sent clothing, more or less worn, but which we hope will answer a valuable purpose to those for whom they are intended. Please say to these Brethren that we hope soon to hear of their exchange, and that, if they should ever be appealed to by a Confederate prisoner who is a Brother Mason, they will use their means and influence, at least to the extent we have towards them, in relieving their necessities.

Perhaps there may be more of some articles of clothing than are needed by those who have applied. If so, and you know other members of the Craft among the prisoners, please distribute the overplus to them, or to any others who are not Masons.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES M. MERCER,

W. M. Albany Lodge, No. 24.

Since our last annual communication death has called from labor on earth to refreshment in the Grand Lodge above, an old and respected brother, known to many of the older members of this body. The M. W. P. G. M., Dr. EBENEZER HALL, who was the second Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, died at Mount Clemens, the first of July last. His body was committed to the grave by his Brethren, under the direction of Bro. R. P. ELDRIDGE, unavoidable circumstances preventing my attendance, and time not permitting notice to any

other of the Grand Officers. Honored and revered, he lay down in his final sleep, trusting in that general resurrection that is assured to us all, by the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

And death has been in our very midst. He who so long kept guard at our outer doors has left his place in this earthly Lodge, and knocking at the Grand Lodge above, has been accepted and received as worthy to sit on the right hand of the Grand Overseer in that temple not made with hands. Our excellent Brother, CHARLES D. HOWARD, for many years Grand Steward and Tyler of this Grand Lodge, has left us, and now waits to welcome us, as we, each in turn, shall follow him to that country from whose bourne no traveler returns. He was a good and true man, against whom the tongue of malice or envy never whispered a suspicion. We miss the loved old face from our midst. His memory shall ever be green in our hearts.

Great prosperity has attended our Order throughout this jurisdiction. The workmen have wrought faithfully in the quarries, and brought up much good and square work for inspection, which has been received and placed in its proper place in the temple. Large numbers have been added to the Craft. Indeed, so constant have been the alarms at our doors, that it is greatly to be feared they have not always been sufficiently guarded.

Some blocks not justly squared, and some of unfit material, that ought to have been rejected as worthless, or at least injurious have been received. Amid the multitude applying, many unworthy, not well qualified, and who could not be duly and truly prepared, have passed the sentinels, and now mar the beauty of our Masonic edifice. Too great prosperity has made us careless. My Brethren, we have most to fear in prosperity. When all seems well, the watchmen on the towers fall asleep or forget to challenge those who pass, and many get within, whom it would be far better to keep without. Are we not too much at ease, in this, our Zion, and may we not justly fear, that if we do not watch the gates and ourselves apply the plumb line to our walls, the Supreme Master Builder will "set a plumb line in our midst," and that "He will not pass by us any more forever"?

I call your attention particularly to the ease with which our doors

re opened. During the war there was an over anxiety to confer the benefits of Masonry upon our brave citizen soldiery. This commendable spirit was oftentimes abused, and many unworthy found entrance with those we delighted to honor and receive among us as Brothers. This is a subject of complaint, not in this jurisdiction alone, but many of our sister Grand Lodges are inquiring what action shall be taken in regard to it.

In some of the Lodges, especially feeble ones, there is an over-weening anxiety for increase of numbers and funds, that leads to indifference as to the character of the material used, so that a good show of work can be made. But in most, the difficulty lies in the looseness of examining committees in performing their work. They either make a superficial inquiry, make no inquiry at all, or, forgetting their duties, take the candidate's worthiness as conceded, and report simply that they find him worthy. They too seldom inquire whether he has any positively good qualities, and often recommend him if he is not positively bad. They forget that positive worth, and not mere negative qualities, should recommend any man for the mysteries of Masonry. After the committee has made a favorable report, the Brethren in the Lodge dislike to use their prerogatives of using the secret ballot to reject, lest the friends of the candidate should impugn their motives. With our largely increasing numbers, we need not be anxious about the popularity of Masonry, and if we keep out the bad and the ignorant, the good and intelligent will be sure to come to us for light. We owe it to ourselves and to our ancient institution, that we hedge about our Lodges with all due caution—that we tile them more closely, and see to it that none pass or repass but such as are duly qualified and that we know will make Masons who will wear their badges, not only with pleasure to themselves, but with honor and credit to the Fraternity. If the Ashlar is too rough it cannot be properly squared and fitted. We do not want mere dead blocks, but active, "lively stones," to be built up in this our spiritual house," or moral temple—men with hearts and souls, and minds—men upon whom we can confer rights and benefits, and who can, at the same time confer benefits upon us—who, by their lives, intelligence and examples, will help to adorn and beautify the temple.

To this end I recommend to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction that they see to it that none but good and true men, have positively good characters, and not men who are bad, find admission to their councils. And I particularly recommend the adoption, by this Grand Lodge, of an edict requiring committees to inquire and report fully, in writing, as to the character and qualifications of candidates, stating in their reports all the facts to enable the members to judge correctly the fitness of a proposed new member. This report being placed on file, and the records, will not be lightly or carelessly made, or at least it will serve as a check on carelessness or indifference.

The following communication has been received from the Grand Lodge of Missouri :

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, GRAND LODGE A. F. A. MASONS OF MISSOURI,
SAINT LOUIS, Mo., May 29, 1865.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, at its annual communication, May 22, 1865:

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Missouri, to our Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of North America:

That, whereas our beloved country has been, for the last twenty years, ravaged by internecine strife, devastating and laying waste not only the halls and homes of many of our Brethren, but sundering kindred and fraternal ties to such an extent as to endanger a subversion of many of the noble principles of our time honored Fraternity, which the Father of our common country declared to be "founded on the immutable laws of truth and justice";

And whereas, the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in common with all our sister Grand Lodges, has a strong desire and paramount obligation to perpetuate the Institution of Free Masonry, with all its common bonds of harmony and fraternal love unimpaired, through all coming generations; therefore,

Resolved, That our sister Grand Lodges are hereby fraternally invited to meet the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri by delegates, one from each, to consider,

First. The condition of the Fraternity in the United States, and suggest such measures as shall fully harmonize and cement the one grand and time-honored aim of being happy and commencing our happiness.

Second. To compare and correct whatever errors may have crept into our ritual during the past twenty years.

Third. To consider and suggest a uniform remedy for the evils arising from the untimely and inordinate haste with which thousands, in the excitement of the hour, have been admitted into the Fraternity, and to fix the status of all who have been thus admitted, that entire union and harmony may prevail throughout the length and breadth of all jurisdictions; and, as far as possible, to guard against the evils so clearly foreshadowed in all the circumstances by which the Fraternity is surrounded.

Fourth. The Grand Secretary is hereby required to transmit the foregoing preamble and resolution to our sister Grand Lodges, by circular letter, requesting their concurrence, and to fix the time and place of meeting at the earliest practical day.

We would, in conclusion, respectfully suggest either Cincinnati or Louisville as the place, and the time the fourth Monday of September, 1866.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *P. G. Master.*

[SEAL.] A true copy.

A. O'SULLIVAN, *Grand Recorder.*

In some of its suggestions I fully concur. Some of them are, perhaps, doubtful, but all seem to require your serious attention, and could be met in that spirit of anxious desire for the harmony of the craft, which is so eminently manifested by the Brethren of that jurisdiction.

I call your particular attention to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Too little regard is paid to these reports. The Brethren too generally pass without consideration or thought, the transactions and workings of the several Grand Lodges in the United States. They are full of instruction and useful Masonic information.

The wisdom of this Grand Lodge, in utterly ignoring military or traveling Lodges, is fully shown by the experience of our Brethren in Illinois. A former Grand Master of that State granted dispensations to open military Lodges in the field. M. W. G. M. THOMAS TURNER, in his annual address before that Grand Body, last October, says, "I am led to believe that some of the military Lodges, under dispensation from our jurisdiction, have greatly abused their privileges and brought reproach upon our Order. Instead of confining their operations to Illinois regiments and troops exclusively, as they ought to have done, they made Masons indiscriminately, from soldiers and citizens of other States, with very little regard for the kind of material used." And after naming some of the States that had par-

ticular cause for complaint, and had complained that their jurisdictions had been more than violated by the admission of "candidates whose characters wholly unfitted them from becoming Masons," he asks this pertinent question: "What is to be the *status* of Masons who were made in those Lodges?" This part of his address was referred to a special committee, who reported two resolutions, which were adopted by that Grand Lodge, one governing their action in that State, and the other requesting sister Grand Lodges "to take into their charge such Masons, within their jurisdictions, as have been made under these (military) dispensations, and if found worthy, to incorporate them into the Fraternity where they may reside." I refer this subject, with the correspondence, to you for such action as you may deem best.

I have had several complaints made to me of violations of our jurisdiction by foreign or military Lodges, but not in a form that enabled me to ascertain by whom the injury had been done. In answer to questions "what shall be done with persons belonging within our jurisdiction, made Masons by such assumed or foreign Lodges?" (and in many instances those persons would have been rejected at home), I have uniformly answered, you cannot receive or know them as Masons, but must treat them as clandestine or profane, until the Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct. I had, when so answering, overlooked the decision of P. G. M. MOORE, in his address at our last session, taking the same ground and to which I refer. I now ask that some positive action may be taken that will set the question at rest, and will best conserve the peace and harmony of our institution. We may well congratulate ourselves, that by no usurpation, nor by the exercise of doubtful powers, have we given just cause of offense to any sister Grand Lodge. We are indebted and should be grateful to those, who, at the commencement of the war, firmly set their faces against, and successfully resisted the then numerous applications for perambulating Lodges, that, had they been granted, would, in spite of our utmost care, have been beyond our control, and caused difficulties that it would have taken years to heal.

My attention has been called to the fact, that many persons claiming to have been made Masons, many years since, or who have been made in foreign countries, claiming that they have no demits,

that their Lodges have ceased to exist, or that some other potent cause exists, preventing them from procuring proper evidence of membership, are seeking admission into our Lodges. I see no other way to avoid imposture but to rigidly reject, and not to admit them, no matter how worthy, until all means failing to get proper vouchers, or giving due proof of worthiness, they are healed the same as may and probably should be done with the worthy who have received the degrees in military Lodges. Until then we cannot know that their obligations have any binding force upon them. We want no one in full communion until he has been duly confirmed in good works.

Soon after my installation, I received, through the hands of the Grand Secretary, a memorial from Rockland Lodge, No. 108, situate near Ontonagon, on the Upper Peninsula, setting forth that Major CASH, being home on a furlough, having but a few days to remain, and being in every respect worthy and anxious to be made a Mason, that Lodge had, in substance, upon the advice of several experienced Past Masters, *dispensed* with a *dispensation*, and on the 6th of January last proceeded to receive and refer the petition, ballot for, initiate, pass, and raise Major CASH into a Brother in full and regular standing.

I had known Major CASH and knew the material was good, though I disliked the rapidity and manner of the transformation. I have also become satisfied that Brother UREN, the W. M. who ordered and superintended the work, is a worthy and good Mason, and acted through mistaken advice and with no design to violate any constitutional provision. He looked at the absolute impossibility of obtaining a dispensation in time to be of any avail as a sufficient excuse for proceeding without one, trusting to the Grand Master to grant one *nunc pro tunc*, overlooking the fact that the then Grand Master, by the time an application would reach him, would be out of power, and a new one stand in his place.

I had no pardoning power and could not legalize any action done during the administration of my predecessor. I did not feel called upon to take any severe action, and, therefore, simply reproving the Lodge for the time being, and warning it against any future similar action, I referred the memorial and the Brethren to you, for your chari-

table consideration. I have stated this case more fully than I otherwise should, as it illustrates the necessity of a deputy Grand Master in that remote part of the State, with dispensing powers.

In February, I received from Brother BOURKE, P. M. of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, a statement, that while he was W. M., a Brother was charged with certain Masonic offenses, by regular charges and specifications; that, at the regular communication appointed for the hearing of the case, he called on the J. W., who had charge of the prosecution, to produce evidence to sustain the charges; that the J. W. replied, "that he had no evidence, and from certain facts that had come to his knowledge, he saw no probability of having any evidence at any future time," whereupon the W. M. asked the Lodge "what will you do with the case?" and, on motion, the case was *dismissed* by an unanimous vote of the Lodge. Subsequently the same charges, combined with others, were renewed. Brother BOURKE asked my decision as to whether the Brother could again be put on trial for the same causes.

I replied that the accused and accuser, having had full notice of the time of trial, the dismissal for lack of proof was equivalent to an acquittal, and must be so treated by the Lodge until the Grand Lodge should otherwise determine. I understand the word dismissal, when used as the result of Masonic trials, to mean the same as when used in courts of equity, where a cause is heard upon the merits. But if there was any unfairness or designed suppression of proofs, it would in such cases be competent for aggrieved Brethren to appeal to the Grand Lodge, and if the facts in any given case should warrant it, this body might order a new trial, even though it put the accused a second time in jeopardy. In this case there was no such appeal. I look upon the rule that one trial shall be final as absolutely necessary for the protection of the innocent from persecution. Repeated prosecutions should not be allowed. Several of the Brothers of that Lodge, whose opinions I respect, and whom I know to be among the most worthy, remonstrated against my opinion, and made a statement of facts going far to show that the result of my opinion would be the defeat of justice. I thought it better that the guilty should sometimes escape, than that a rule, so necessary as this, should be set aside or trifled with, and therefore refused to modify or change

my decision. It may be I have carried the rule too far, and having no prejudices in the case and no pride of opinion, I refer the matter, with the correspondence, to you, to do and order in the premises as shall be thought best, hoping that you will make a decision that will be a sure guide in all similar cases, to which I shall most cheerfully yield, whatever it may be.

In one instance I was called upon to examine the work of a Lodge, and found it in some respects quite irregular and out of plumb. Upon calling the attention of the W. M. and Brethren to the errors committed, they at once admitted their wrong action and promised correction. I was satisfied it was better to heal and forgive than to cut off the offending member, and, therefore, put the Lodge on its good behavior.

A complaint was made against Big Rapids Lodge, working under a dispensation granted by me, charging it with having initiated, passed and raised a minor, and other unwarranted conduct. I at once suspended it from work. Upon my attention being called to it, I remembered that the W. M. of that Lodge had written me a full statement of the facts, showing, to my satisfaction, that the work had been done in entire ignorance of the minority of the candidate and through his inadvertence, and that I had, before the complaint, directed that the minor be excluded from the Lodge, and in every respect treated as clandestine; to be healed, if found worthy, after attaining his majority. He had been so excluded and kept apart by the Brethren, cheerfully acquiescing in the decision, and faithfully keeping his wrongly attained knowledge. Full and satisfactory explanations having been made, I restored the Lodge to work, and, from what I have been able to learn, cheerfully recommend the Lodge to your favorable consideration. The papers connected with this matter are submitted for your examination.

In one of our Lodges complaint was made against a Brother for un-Masonic conduct, in not keeping his promise for the payment of borrowed money, no express Masonic pledge having been made, but, as is alleged, one was implied from the relation of parties and the peculiar circumstances of the case. In ordinary circumstances I am strongly opposed to the use of our Lodges as vehicles for the collection of debts, and, unless there is something that takes the case out

of the ordinary rule, insist that parties, though Brothers, should resort to the ordinary channels of justice afforded by the laws of the country. While I desire an expression of this Grand Lodge upon this subject, I do not wish to express any opinion which may, in any sense, prejudice this case, which has, I understand, been appealed for your decision. You will not understand me as dissenting in any degree from Masonic trial and punishment of those who, to obtain money of a Brother, use falsehood or deception, or do anything designedly calculated to mislead. In such case the neglect to pay would be no part of the offense, and such an offender cannot be dealt with too severely, as it would be a violation of one of the most sacred ties of his obligation.

Many other complaints and questions have been presented to me. Most of them were sufficiently answered on reference to the edicts and decisions of former Grand Masters. I refrain from recounting them, unless they shall be appealed from, in which case I will furnish any information in my power.

The several Lodges to whom charters were granted at our last communication, have all been regularly constituted and consecrated, and their officers duly installed, and are reported to be in excellent working order, faithful and zealous. To those who aided me, or acted for me as my proxies, in constituting these Lodges, I am under obligations.

There are now within this jurisdiction one hundred and sixty-nine chartered Lodges. One dispensation was ordered by the last Grand Lodge, and I have granted fifteen, making in all, should charters be granted them, one hundred and eighty-five. The names and location of Lodges now working U. D., with their petitions and accompanying papers, will be handed to the proper committee by the Grand Secretary.

I may properly remark that I have granted no dispensation for a Lodge without careful investigation, and upon full satisfaction that it would promote the interests of Masonry. I have denied several applications, among them one for a Lodge at Alma, in Gratiot county. I had under consideration at the same time an application from Brethren at St. Louis. St. Louis is ten miles, and Alma eight miles from Ithica, the parent Lodge, and only three miles

apart. I concluded, under the circumstances, to grant a dispensation for a Lodge at St. Louis, and refer the application of the Brethren of Alma to you for your consideration.

A requisite number of Brethren at Traverse City have made application for a dispensation, but were unable to ascertain their nearest Lodge, to obtain its recommendation. On account of their remoteness, and from difficulty of access to any Lodge, I looked upon their application with favor, but I thought, as they had not strictly complied with the rules, it had better be referred to you.

I have received a similar application from Brethren at Alpena, but unaccompanied with all the necessary demits and recommendation, which are difficult for them to obtain. I think their case, considering their remoteness from any other Lodge, worthy of favorable consideration, and that, while I could not, you may, with propriety, depart from strict rules in granting their request, making proper provision for subsequent compliance.

A similar application from Brethren at Lawton is only awaiting a proper recommendation, which will probably be supplied you, and I recommend its favorable consideration.

I refused an application from Brethren for a Lodge at Lamont, Ottawa county, for the reason, that the assent of their nearest Lodge was made conditional upon the approval of M. W. P. G. M. MOORE, which he seems to have withheld. I looked upon the condition as entirely inconsistent with the assent, and rendered it of no effect. I submit the papers to you.

In other cases of refusal I do not deem it necessary to detain you with my reasons.

Upon a proper petition, accompanied with a recommendation from Fidelity, No. 32, at Hillsdale, I granted a dispensation to the applicants to form a Lodge at North Adams, in Hillsdale county. I soon after received a communication from members of Hamilton Lodge, No. 113, strongly remonstrating against the dispensation, and insisting that North Adams was within their jurisdiction, and therefore not properly recommended by Fidelity Lodge. Upon inquiry I became satisfied that the Brethren of Fidelity acted in entire good faith, supposing the proposed Lodge to be nearest them. The difference of distance, if anything, is very slight; I, therefore, contin-

ued the Lodge in its work, and refer the matter to you for such action as you may deem best.

Other complaints were made against the new Lodge, and such explanations and answers made to inquiries as were satisfactory to me; but these, with the question of jurisdiction, and how far the rights of Hamilton Lodge have been trespassed upon, will undoubtedly be brought before the Examining Committee, and I ask their careful examination.

I have been informed that some of the Masters of Lodges, as well as the members, have paid no attention to the edict of this Grand Lodge passed at the communication in 1864, in regard to keys, and that, instead of destroying, some Masters of Lodges have actually been engaged in the sale of keys. This, if true, is a palpable violation of their obligation, and should be thoroughly investigated.

I call your attention to the provisions of Sec. 12, of Art. V., of our constitution, which provides for and permits, upon a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Lodge, the publication of the name of any expelled member, with the cause of such expulsion. I think this provision has been overlooked by the committee on revision. It had escaped my particular notice, until I saw such publications. I very much doubt the propriety of this provision, and hope it will be changed, so as to conform more nearly to the spirit of our institution.

The accused has the right to an appeal to the Grand Lodge, and should not be injured by publication until after the Grand Lodge has acted upon his case, or he has, by lapse of time, lost his right to appeal. According to the modern constitutions of English Masonry, a Brother could only be expelled by the Grand Lodge; but, under the American jurisdictions, subordinate Lodges may try the truth of the charges and pronounce the sentence, but the sentence is not final until the Grand Lodge has either acted upon, or had the opportunity to act upon it. The Grand Lodge is supposed, theoretically, to act upon and review all cases in which expulsions have been pronounced in subordinate Lodges, whether appealed from or not, and the passing of one Grand Lodge communication without such review, in cases not appealed, is a virtual affirmation of the action of the subordinate Lodge. Until then the sentence is not

final or conclusive, nor, in my judgment, should it be made public, and then only by the publications that proceed from the Grand Lodge, or under its direction. I respectfully ask you to consider the questions involved, and take such action as you may think most consistent with Masonic rules, and that will protect uninjured accused Brethren until their sentence is final.

The Brethren of Oxford Lodge, No. 84, having provided themselves with a good and well designed hall, assisted by M. W. P. G. M. DARROW, Brothers WRIGHT and COGSALL, I took charge of its dedication to Masonic uses on St. John's day, in June last. In this connection I may add, that there has been, within the last few years, a great and commendable improvement in Masonic halls, and that the Brethren are becoming aware that the beauty and appropriateness of these temples, elevates their minds to a juster conception of the beauties of our moral temple.

The Brethren of Adrian, with praiseworthy zeal, have commenced the erection of a costly Masonic temple, of which the corner stone was laid on the festival of St. John the Baptist, with appropriate and imposing ceremonies. Large numbers attended from almost every part of the State, and the occasion was one of great rejoicing. It is to be hoped that others, as soon as ability will permit, will follow their good example.

The prosperity and increasing numbers of our Order have increased the revenue of this Grand Body, so that there is now a small surplus fund held by our Grand Treasurer. While I recommend liberal compensations to such of the Grand Officers whose duties require the expenditure of time or money, there should be no unnecessary or ill-judged appropriations, and the surplus fund over and above the requirements and necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge should be ascertained by the Committee on Accounts, and reported to you, and the surplus invested in some secure manner, with a view of providing for a possible decrease in prosperity, and in case of continued increase, for the ultimate erection of a temple suitable and arranged for our full accommodation, and owned by this Grand Lodge. It will, if our present prosperity continues, require but a few years to accumulate the means, and I hope at some future day, not far distant, to meet many of you in a Masonic temple

erected in some suitable and convenient locality, under the authority and controlled by the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

I have granted for conferring degrees quite a number of applications, but greatly diminished from last year. In most instances applications showed good and sufficient reasons, and all were approved by Brethren that I knew would not apply without fully understanding there was a necessity for the dispensation sought. I refused being satisfied it was not for the good of the Craft to grant them. My experience has satisfied me that hastily made Masons do not benefit themselves, and the meagreness of their instruction gives them but little credit or benefit upon the Order. Were it in my power I would restrict this class to very narrow limits. It is probable that the cessation of war will, in a great measure, do away with the necessity for such applications.

Soon after our last communication, Ithica Lodge, No. 1234, lost its hall furniture and charter by fire. I at once granted a dispensation for work, and cordially recommend the granting of a new charter without charge, and also a remission of Grand dues for the past year.

I call your special attention to the revision and amendment of the constitution, as recommended by the committee appointed for that purpose at our last session. That committee has completed the labor assigned it, and submitted for your consideration several important changes and amendments. They require deliberate and calm consideration. Among the proposed amendments is one reducing the number of delegates to the Grand Lodge. In view of our increasing numbers some such amendment is necessary, and I commend it to your favorable consideration. I also do the amendment increasing the fees for the initiation. Masonic benefits have been too cheap and too easily granted. No one, on account of lack of worldly wealth, should be able to obtain them. Yet our rights and benefits should be costly enough to be appreciated.

That committee also recommends a compilation and arrangement of the edicts to be published with the amended constitution. This is exceedingly desirable, and should be done, unless you should prefer better to adopt the plan of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which publishes annually with its proceedings, as an appendix, all the

ing rules and orders. This would place them before the Brethren each year as amended, and would leave no one an excuse for not knowing the law. It would not be expensive, and is worthy of consideration.

The committee, consisting of learned and competent Brethren heretofore appointed to identify and establish the work, have, I am informed, completed the labor assigned them, and are ready to submit their work to you for your inspection and approval.

I recommend to your favorable consideration the adoption of an uniform burial service. This service, which should be in all instances appropriate and impressive, is so different as used in the various Lodges as to make it difficult for Brethren from different localities to work together. It would be far better for this body to recommend and establish a form that shall be a guide to all. Uniformity is as desirable in this as in the inner workings of the Lodge.

The grand honors to be used at funerals, as proposed by P. G. M. ALLEN, I was much impressed with, and though not as ancient as those adopted last winter, are, in my mind, far more appropriate. I can see no objection to their use, and no violation in them of any law or rule of Masonry, if not as grand honors at least as part of the burial service. There certainly can be no objection to their use in addition to the ancient grand honors as explained by MACKAY.

In April last the executive of this nation was stricken down by the hand of an assassin. In the midst of the woe and horror at the loss of the then head of the Government by such horrid means, and feeling that the welfare of our Order, like that of all other institutions, depended upon the safety and *good order* of the *Government*. I gave the Brethren liberty to join in all public processions, in view of that event, and recommended the draping of our Lodges in mourning. Though ABRAHAM LINCOLN was not a Mason, as I am informed, he was the executive head of the nation, and it seemed to me that it became us as Masons to recognize and join in the universal grief caused by that calamity.

Soon after that event, some indiscreet Brethren made uncharitable and unkind remarks in regard to it, growing, possibly, out of party feeling, and others, equally uncharitable, sought to bring them

to condign punishment for the supposed Masonic offenses. On being appealed to, I at once decided that no such matter could come before the Lodges; that it would lead to political discussions and criminations, and that if they entered even by this small door, it would soon be large and wide enough to let in a deluge, that would, without delay, sweep away every vestige of our land marks, and destroy that peace and harmony which is the strength of all institutions, *especially* of ours.

It is desirable to agree upon and recommend, if not adopt, a manual adapted and conforming to our work. Some *one* would be better than the multitude, differing in many respects, now before the public. Two of our enterprising Brethren, Brother Grand Secretary, JAMES FENTON, and Brother A. J. UTLEY, have produced new editions of manuals, confined to the Blue Lodge work, and in convenient form. They will be before you for consideration.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Brother BLANCHARD, has performed his arduous duties with much satisfaction to me, and undoubtedly to your approval. His work is approved and good work, and square, such as the Grand Lodge has ordered to be accepted and received. You will, of course, try it by the square, and if it meets your approbation, you will see that it is not lost among the rubbish of the temple.

I am much indebted to the R. W. G. Secretary for his kindness and aid in many of my duties. I have found his long experience and knowledge of the transactions of this body invaluable, and cannot too strongly express my approbation of his official course.

Wherever I have been, and in all my official correspondence with the Brethren, I have been met with a spirit of Brotherly kindness, forbearance and consideration, that has made more sacred to me, than ever before, the endearing and not unmeaning name, BROTHER.

I have examined much of the work, and have been surprised at the perfection of Masters of Lodges in the ritual. I have been, at the same time, deeply impressed with the lack among the body of Masons of that true esoteric knowledge of Masonry that extends beyond the letter and reaches the spirit of our work. They seem to be satisfied with permission to sit in the temple and

admire its external glories, but do not think of looking for its hidden beauties. The origin and philosophy of our Order, and of its symbols, the studies and learning it prescribes, seem to have but little attraction for them. It is deeply to be regretted that there is so little of the spirit of investigation and such a limited knowledge of the laws and rules that govern us. Impress, my Brethren, upon the members of your Lodges, the necessity of more extended Masonic reading ; give them to understand that in taking the degrees they are only on the threshold ; that the corridors and inner beautiful chambers are yet to be opened, and that only by investigation and reading can they find the cabalistic open-sesame that will disclose to them the hidden treasures that lie concealed from, and unknown to those who do not search for them.

I have thus undertaken to give you some account of my work during the past year, and to present to you the work that I think will, or ought to, come before you, and in spite of my determination to make this address brief, it has grown to a length that I fear has wearied your patience. Let me close by returning to you my grateful thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and for the consideration and kindness with which I have been aided in the discharge of my duties.

May I not hope that our annual re-union will be harmonious ; that we shall discuss and determine the questions before us in the spirit of Brotherly love, and that, when we shall have closed our labors here, we shall return to our respective homes, conscious of having at least endeavored to do our whole duty to ourselves and those we represent.

W. T. MITCHELL,
Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit :

On Masonic Law—Bros. HON. WM. M. FENTON, P. G. M., J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, P. G. M. and LOVELL MOORE, P. G. M.

On Grievances—Bros. WM. L. WEBBER, W. V. MORRISON and H. CARTTER.

On Examination—Bros. BELA COGSHELL, J. W. CHASE and E. W. HARRIS.

On Accounts—Bros. D. D. ODELL, H. K. WHITE and STROUD.

On Foreign Correspondence—The R. W. Grand Secretary, GEO. HILL, Jr. and N. C. ALVORD.

On motion of Bro. A. B. CUDWORTH, the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, and refer to appropriate committees.

Whereupon, Bros. A. B. CUDWORTH, E. G. ALLEN and GOTT, were appointed such committee.

On motion of Bro. CUDWORTH, the matter of the case of G. OWEN was referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances. The papers in relation thereto were taken from the files and placed in the hands of the committee.

He also presented a memorial from Bro. J. P. HUCKLEBERRY, White Pigeon Lodge, 104, asking redress against the W. L. M. Lodge, in refusing to draw a warrant on the Treasurer for the amount of his account allowed by said Lodge.

Which memorial was referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

Bro. L. MOORE presented the petition of sundry Brethren for a new Lodge at *Muskegon*.

Petitions were also presented for new Lodges at *Albion*, Jackson county, at *Palmyra*, in Lenawee county, at *Hillsdale*, Jackson county, and at *Northville*, in Wayne county. All were referred to the Standing Committee on Examination.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at the last session, then made the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the proceedings :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence make the following report, that they have sent printed copies of our last proceedings to the Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, as far as postal facilities

available. Since the date of our last report, the terrible civil (shal lwe not say uncivil?) war, then raging, has given place to peace, enabling us

The joys of unity to prove
The Paradise of perfect love.

It gives us great pleasure once more, after some years of absence, to again receive proceedings from some of the Southern jurisdictions. During the current year we hope again to greet them all, believing, as we do, that the silent, yet soothing influence of Masonic charity, exercised in its true spirit by all, will go far towards rekindling brotherly love and cause it to abound, thereby strengthening the ties that bind us together as one people, and be a prominent link in the chain which holds together the same household, making it strong for good at home and a terror to any abroad who might be tempted to interfere with us.

In reviewing the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges, we have been governed by the same principles heretofore actuating us, which are, to report briefly the doings of others, rarely criticising, always vindicating our own action whenever we believe ourselves in the right.

None can be more sensible than your committee of the difficulty of hitting the just mean between prolixity on the one hand, thereby wearying your patience in the recital, or undue brevity on the other, thereby rendering the subject matter obscure; we therefore must ask a charitable construction upon our comments, as, while endeavoring to compress our remarks within a reasonable compass, we are constantly in the dilemma to which we have alluded.

CALIFORNIA.

From this Grand Lodge we have the proceedings of session of October, 1864. Grand Master BELCHER says, since Masonry erected her first altar upon the shores of the Pacific, her prosperity has been unbroken. In 1849, her first Lodge was established; in 1850, their Grand Lodge was organized, with three chartered Lodges and two U. D.; total membership not exceeding one hundred; while they now number one hundred and forty-three chartered Lodges and a membership of nearly seven thousand. They declare that a man, if sane, who commits suicide, shall not be buried with Masonic honors. Also, in reply to a question of qualification of candidates, that he be able to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him. They agreed to levy a tax of twenty-five cents a month on each member, to constitute a fund to invest in the stock of a Masonic Hall Association in San Francisco.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review our proceedings of 1864, and quote approvingly from them.

Their proceedings contain a great number of very able reports on local questions.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

CANADA.

The annual communication was held at the city of Toronto 1865. Their proceedings have reached us at so late a day as to prevent us from saying more than expressing our gratification at their continued prosperity, and the proof they give of the proverbial saying, "strength."

W. B. SIMPSON, Grand Master, and our old acquaintance HARRIS, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

COLORADO.

This Grand Lodge met in November, 1864; five Lodges were present. Grand Master TELLER reports the past year to have been one of great success to the Fraternity in their jurisdiction. A. J. VANDEREN was elected Grand Master, and O. A. WHITEMORE re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT

Held her annual session in May last. Grand Master BOSTWICK reports the past year has been one of continued prosperity; he granted charters for new Lodges. He has a kind word for our "eminent Brethren ALBERT G. MACKEY." He appropriately notices the death of our Brethren from the casualties of war. After rebuking the members of party, which he was surprised to hear of, he declines to continue having been eight years in office.

Grand Lecturer HATCH reports that nothing like a general convention has been made, he having received but a limited number of invitations.

They require, in addition to the usual questions put to a candidate, that he be asked whether he has been rejected by any Lodge within the State, and whether his legal residence has been in the State the past year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice our last year's report and quote approvingly from Grand Master MOORE's address.

ELI S. QUINTARD and JOHN W. PAUL were elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1864 were held in the presence of fourteen Lodges represented. Grand Master WHITING in his address cautions his Brethren against the introduction of *bad material* into the Craft, that alone has Masonry now to fear.

The question of invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in the matter of issuing by this Grand Lodge to Union Lodge at Alexandria, has been set at rest by discontinuing the said Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report their opinion, that our Grand Lodge has tacitly sanctioned an invasion of its jurisdiction by Masonry, by not protesting against the initiation of a candidate in the past twenty-one years, his legal majority.

GEO. C. WHITING, P. G. M., and W. MORRIS SMITH were elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

From this State we have the proceedings of 1861, 1864 and 1865. From the address of Grand Master HAYWARD, in January of the latter year, we learn that, while but few of their Lodges have had the opportunity to assemble, some have been engaged more than usual, and he fears their work will not redound to advantage. Some, he says, have initiated members residing in other jurisdictions; soldiers have been admitted, emergency declared, jurisdiction waived, and degrees conferred without sufficient evidence of character.

War having given place to peace since the M. W. Brother uttered these words, we congratulate our Florida Brethren on the brighter prospects before them, and cordially welcome their re-appearance in our midst, and hope that, in the future, we may emulate each other in worthy deeds of mercy and charity.

ILLINOIS.

We have the proceedings for 1864. We do not find the address of Grand Master TURNER, but in the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address we find the following:

"When we compare the situation of the Grand Lodge and the general tone of sentiment with that which prevailed one year ago, we find ample cause of congratulation and of thanks to our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the able manner in which he has administered the arduous duties of his office, and this, too, amid the trials and difficulties among the Craft not easily over-estimated. In spite of all these, the duties have been performed with fidelity and zeal, and peace and harmony now prevail throughout our jurisdiction, with scarcely an exception."

This is a gratifying statement, and we cordially rejoice with our Illinois Brethren over a state of facts which, in view of past disturbing influences, was hardly to have been predicted a year before; but it is only another instance of what friendship, morality and brotherly love may accomplish, with the aid of charity.

Grand Master TURNER and Grand Secretary REYNOLDS were each re-elected.

IOWA.

At their annual session in 1864, Grand Master GUILBERT presided. His address is largely made up of poetic quotations and rhetorical figures, ending with a brief recapitulation of official acts and an encyclical letter, urging the holding of weekly schools of instruction, in accordance with the rules laid down by the Custodians.

They had a majority and minority Custodian Report, "and, to save time and protracted discussion, action was taken on them without debate," and the Grand Secretary was directed to omit them, and the Grand Master's report on work, from the printed proceedings. The resolutions appended are, however, on the record, wherein, by a rising vote, they re-affirmed the decision of 1860, adopting the *work as taught by Bro. SAMUEL WILSON*, of

Vermont, and requiring Lodge and Brethren to conform the lectures thereto.

Last year we were led to believe, from the Grand Master's all was uniformity in Iowa in the matter of work. It, therefore, to see such signs of fierce conflict yet raging beyond the river, and hope that they may "not, like other States, be racked by the th and un-Masonic quarrels upon the [late] all absorbing question

KANSAS.

At the time for the regular annual communication, this State ened with invasion, and contending armies struggled on the bo sas. Their members were in the field with the State militia. fore, met in special communication, in December, 1864, at which ous matters of local interest received proper attention. There the representatives from twenty Lodges. They have forty-four thirteen hundred and twenty-seven members. On the whole seems to have taken firm root in this jurisdiction.

KENTUCKY.

Grand Master SADLER, at the opening of the session of 186 say that a large number of their Lodges have been deprived of of meeting with them as regularly as in former years, in consequence war that has been raging in many parts of their State; the blessing of God, many of their Lodges have prospered comparative peace.

At this session, an elaborate report on the subject of the orators was made by a committee of eminent Brothers previously. We refer to it because Conservatorism claimed Kentucky to place, and the Grand Lodge of that State to be its *quasi* parent to say, then, that they emphatically condemn the association claims, and forbid its practice in their midst.

The following amendment to their constitution lays over for "The only penalties known to Masonry are reprimand, *stri roll of membership*, suspension for a definite period, and expulsion

LOUISIANA.

The annual meeting was held in February, 1865, M. W. J. Q. presiding. Among the subjects to which he directs their attention fact of complaints of a general nature having been made to refusals to admit to Lodges, as visitors, Brethren wearing Federal naval uniforms. He says: If there had been many direct refusing visitors for the cause mentioned, he thinks, no doubt, complaints have been made. As he is led to believe, instead of a direct refusal such only as Masons in the right should use, various subterfuges used, such as calling off the Lodge, prolonging the examination, itor, that the work of the Lodge might be over, or work in c

gress be actually commenced, and thus the strange Brother is treated with contempt, contrary to the Ancient Charges of the Order.

He then proceeds, with some emphasis, to lecture them upon this highly un-Masonic conduct, and which, he says, will not be permitted in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary reports having received a letter from a captain, a member of one of their Lodges, a prisoner of war on Johnson's Island, stating that there were confined on that island between five and six hundred members of the Fraternity, who were in needy circumstances, whereupon he appealed to the city Lodges of New Orleans, who responded by placing some eight hundred dollars in his hands, six hundred of which he forwarded to Johnson's Island; the balance he reports to the Grand Lodge to make a suitable disposition of.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in noticing our proceedings for 1864, quote a paragraph from Grand Master JOHNSON's address, relating to the Baltimore Convention work, which they endorse as "strictly correct," and remark: "This is the same work as used in Louisiana."

Notwithstanding his earnest appeals to be relieved from the burdens of the office, they re-elected M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS to the high office he had held for the five preceding years. R. W. SAMUEL T. TODD was also re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The annual communication was held in May, 1865, M. W. W. P. PREBLE presiding. He appropriately alludes to the "fiendish assassination" of the head of the nation, and pronounces an eulogy upon his character. In detailing his official acts, he recapitulates his decisions, of which we quote a few: A person having conscientious scruples against oaths may solemnly affirm. He knows no reason why a colored man, made in a regular and duly constituted Lodge, should not be admitted to the Lodges, after due examination. No sign which the candidate is instructed, is only to be given in a Lodge of M. M., etc., should be given in what are called the higher degrees. But if the M. W. is only a M. M., how is he to know? He ruled adversely to installing by proxy. He congratulated his Brethren on the prosperous and harmonious condition of the Order in the jurisdiction. The death of Rev. Bro. CYRIL PEARL is alluded to, and his Masonic zeal and activity fittingly enlarged upon. For ourselves, we were pained to learn of his decease. We have met him personally, and formed a very high opinion of his Masonic ability and personal worth.

From a summary we learn they have one hundred and twenty-four Lodges, who initiated, during the year, seventeen hundred and forty-one candidates, and rejected five hundred and eighty; total membership, eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-four. They re-elected a majority of their Grand Officers, including Grand Master and Grand Secretary. M. W. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. He makes lengthy quotations from our Grand Master's address, sustaining his views respecting Lodges U. D., respecting military Lodge work, and,

while co-inciding with Grand Master MOORE, in the impolicy and danger of such Lodges, is not prepared to stamp their work as clandestine.

MARYLAND.

From this Grand Lodge we have, as customary, two pamphlets containing their proceedings in November, 1864, and May, 1865. M. W. Grand Master COATES tells us that a committee is actively engaged in selecting a lot on which to erect a Masonic temple. He also says how gratified he is, that a number of their Lodges have been actively engaged in the noble work of succoring the distressed and suffering Masons, whom the casualties of war cast into prisons and hospitals. Messengers of Masonic charity, with a fraternal zeal almost unparalleled, have visited both prisons and hospitals, and rendered physical and material aid.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence quote from our Grand Master's address last year, respecting the status of Masons made by military Lodges, acting U. D. from Indiana, and add: "We believe this to be sound doctrine, * * * and the ancient usages prove the Grand Master to be right."

M. W. JOHN COATES, Grand Master, and R. W. J. H. MEDAIBY, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the meeting in December 27th, 1864, Grand Master PARKMAN says: "The accessions of numbers, [unparalleled in an old established jurisdiction like theirs,] has been from the best portions of the community." He reports a spirit of harmony pervading their whole jurisdiction, and more than ordinary courtesy existing among the country Lodges.

On the fifth of April, 1864, a destructive fire broke out in the Winthrop House, and in about three hours the whole building was consumed, and the morning found them with only a heap of smouldering and blackened ruins in place of their beautiful halls and convenient fixtures which were left over night. With the exception of the contents of the Grand Lodge safe, everything was either burnt, lost or destroyed. The corner-stone of a new temple was laid, with imposing ceremonies, on October 14th, 1864, and the building is now progressing toward completion.

M. W. WM. PARKMAN, Grand Master, and R. W. CHARLES W. MOORE, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MISSOURI

Held her forty-fifth annual communication in May, 1865. Grand Master HOUSTON tells his Brethren it is only by a firm belief in the great truths inculcated by our mysteries, and an honest and conscientious discharge of duty, that we can expect to be classed among the great and true of our Order. He deplores, as fraught with danger to the institution, "the hundreds, aye thousands," seeking admission, who, four years ago, never dreamed of becoming Masons. He says experience has proved the wisdom of Missouri in discountenancing army or traveling Lodges. He reports his

success in restoring peace and harmony in a Lodge where a deplorable feeling existed in consequence of difference of political opinions. He refused every application to confer degrees in less than the usual time. He devotes a long paragraph to denouncing intemperance and cautioning against Masons thus violating all the purposes for which man was created. He impresses upon them, as a Masonic duty, to be true and faithful to the government of the country where we reside, and in this connection appropriately notices the sad fate of the chief magistrate at the hands of a dastard assassin.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fully endorse the views of our P. G. M. MOORE, in regard to the status of Lodges U. D.

M. W. JOHN F. HOUSTON was elected Grand Master. T. R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Master WHEELER, at their annual meeting in June, 1864, tells the delegates from their six Lodges that some Grand Masters have spoken deprecatingly of "Conservators," and that their motives in so doing are *impure and ignoble*, alluding particularly, he says, to Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and New Jersey. We give the Most Worshipful the benefit of recording his speech, and excuse ourselves from replying, owing to our inability to use that class of adjectives.

NEVADA.

On the 16th day of January, 1865, the representatives of six Lodges met in convention in the city of Virginia, and organized the Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada, adopted a constitution, and elected JOSEPH DE BELL, G. M., and CHARLES H. FISH, Grand Secretary.

We cordially extend the right hand of fellowship to our young western sister, and wish her genuine prosperity and healthy growth.

NEW JERSEY

Held its annual session in January, 1865. M. W. WM. S. WHITEHEAD delivered a business-like, practical address, advising the appointment of a Grand Lecturer to secure uniformity of work, and defining, by reference to the record, what the official work is. He says he is opposed to making Masons at sight, and has declined to grant dispensations to confer degrees in less than the regular time. The session was harmonious, and the proceedings of local interest.

The Grand Officers were all re-elected.

NEW YORK.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in June, 1865, M. W. CLINTON F. PAIGE presiding, who, speaking of the outward and seeming prosperity of our Craft, says the number of initiations has been limited, not by the desire of the profane for entrance within their Temple, but by the ability of their Lodges to compass the work pressing upon them. While refraining from discussing topics connected with public affairs, he,

nevertheless, reminds them that in the future, as in the past, the peculiarly Masonic in its character, and, therefore, peculiar upon Masons to perform; that it is our duty, by precept and hasten the day when faults shall be forgotten, and replaced by emulation for the good of our whole country. He appropriated the death of M. W. JOHN D. WILLARD, P. G. M. He earned the Masonic Hall and Asylum enterprise, towards which the at this session, contributed \$15,000.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence makes, as elaborate report. Speaking of Michigan, they commend MOORE's address, and endorse the positions therein taken.

An unaffiliated Mason, who had been expelled, appealed the commission, appointed by the Grand Master, to terminate the matter, and who, after a trial, had expelled him. In the Grand Master had no power to order a commission for was held the Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge authority to order the trial, and, after reviewing the testimony expulsion.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, of which M. W. JOHN D. chairman, answer the question, "Can charges be preferred Brother for an offense committed previous to his initiation affirmative, and support their opinion by a sound argument.

By a "general regulation," this Grand Lodge has fixed the ation at not less than \$20.

ROBERT D. HOLMES was elected Grand Master, and JAMES re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

For the first time since 1861, we have the proceedings of Lodge. The present copy is of their session in December, 1865. 102 Lodges were represented. We notice that Brother A. G. present, and was invited to a seat.

The address of Grand Master C. F. WATSON is largely an earnest appeal to his Brethren, to "come in for a share of the war then raging, and of argument to show it to be consistent with, but the duty of, Masons so to do. It reads *tempora mutantur*, and we hope, in the future, to have no conflict only that noble emulation of who best can work and best agree.

OREGON.

Twenty-three out of thirty-five Lodges were represented of this Grand Lodge, held in June, 1865. There were 107 initiates the year; total membership, 894.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Lodges, our own among them.

S. F. CHADWICK was elected Grand Master, and J. E. HUNTER Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have the abstract of their proceedings during the year 1864. Grand Master SKERRETT, in his valedictory address, finds matter of sincere gratification to advert to the prospects of the Order in the State.

Grand Master SCOTT, in his inaugural, says: "There seems to be a restless and increasing desire for change, which, if unresisted, will soon remove the last landmark, break down the last arch in the temple, and the world may mourn over the last vestige of Ancient Free Masonry. Whilst one denounces the language and terms employed in our work as coarse and uncouth, others are prepared to prove that some of our most familiar names and phrases are utterly inconsistent with well established principles and rules of modern science.

"I envy no man's literary taste who cannot discover harmony and beauty in our most ancient Masonic records. Ancient events should be chronicled by ancient phraseology. Who would desire to see the sublime melodies of the 'Sweet Singer of Israel,' or the pathetic pastorals of the Patriarch Job, or the divine and lofty strains of the Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah or Habbakuk, recorded in the flashy and flippant style of modern romance?"

We are also in receipt of the proceedings, at a quarterly communication, in reference to the death of P. G. M. Brother the Hon. GEORGE MIFFLIN DALLAS, in whose Masonic life were incidents of a marked and striking character. He was initiated in 1818, since which time he had borne a conspicuous part in matters deeply affecting the Order, never losing sight of his rights as a man, nor faltering in his duty as a Mason.

RHODE ISLAND.

From this State we have only their proceedings for the year ending May 30th, A. L. 5864, from which we learn that the Order is prosperous, and that the Grand Lodge diligently attends to all matters relating to their jurisdiction.

ARIEL BALLOU is Grand Master, and HORATIO ROGERS, JR., is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

For the first time since 1860, we are in receipt of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, embracing the years 1861, '62, '63, '64 and '65, whereby we learn, with pleasure, that the annual meetings were held, and Masonic interests looked after, during the continuance of the terrible conflict then going on. Grand Master GIDDINGS, in June last, tells his Brethren that, amid the convulsions of war, peace and harmony prevails within their jurisdiction. He exhorts his Brethren to be peaceful citizens, and not to be engaged in plots and conspiracies.

It gives your committee great pleasure once more to grasp the hands of our Texas Brethren, and welcome them as efficient co-laborers in our common cause, devoutly trusting that nothing, in the future, will ever interfere to retard their labors, or interpose obstacles to unrestricted intercourse with their Brethren.

ROBERT M. ELGIN was elected Grand Master, and GEORGE H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT

Holds her annual communication on the same day on which we meet. G. M. ENGBESBY presided, and says they have been much prospered during the past year. Large accessions of valuable citizens have been had; more are now seeking admission. He earnestly exhorts his Brethren to show, by their actions before the world, that not honor, but good, is our object, and that the purposes for which we are joined together should be continually present to our minds.

The committee on the Grand Master's address pointedly condemn the traffic in "Mnemonics," and other works of similar character.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which R. W. HENRY CLARK is chairman, presented a faithful digest of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges. They quote the whole of the report of our Committee of Nine on Work, with approval, and make it clear that the work of Vermont has no affinity with "WEBB-PRESTON," which put forth such pretentious claims of genuineness a year or two ago, and which especially claimed to be a verbatim copy of that of Vermont.

Grand Master ENGBESBY and Grand Secretary CLARK were each re-elected.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

This Grand Lodge was organized in 1858, and its constitution defined its territorial jurisdiction to be co-extensive with the geographical limits of that Territory. Since then, Congress has organized the Territory of Idaho, embracing a portion of what, in 1858, was included in Washington Territory. A constitutional number of Brethren in Idaho petitioned the Grand Master of Oregon, who granted them a dispensation for a Lodge, which Lodge was subsequently chartered by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, notwithstanding the protest of the Grand Master of Washington Territory, the latter claiming it for their jurisdiction, the former looking upon it as vacant territory, which it was competent for any Masonic Grand Lodge to occupy, until the establishment of a Grand Lodge therein.

A large portion of the Grand Master's address and of their proceedings in November, 1864, are taken up with this question, into which personal feelings seem to have entered in some degree.

No principle of Masonic law is better established than the question of territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, and it would seem to your committee to involve no loss of dignity for a Grand Lodge, situated as are our Brethren of Washington, voluntarily to relinquish jurisdiction over territory which must, in the nature of things, soon set up for itself a Grand Lodge of Idaho.

In this jurisdiction there were sixty initiations; total membership, 302; ten chartered Lodges, and one U. D.

ASA S. BROWN was elected Grand Master, and EDWARD EVANS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

We have received the following circular, and are awaiting the proceedings spoken of, and also the proceedings of the convention at which the Grand Lodge was organized:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan:

At a grand communication of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of West Virginia, held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Wheeling, May 10, A. L. 5865, A. D. 1865, there were present the duly accredited representatives of nine regularly chartered working subordinate Lodges.

The special business of the communication was the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, they having been duly elected, at a convention held in Fairmont, on the twelfth day of April, A. L. 5865, A. D. 1865.

The ceremonies of installation were conducted by M. W. W. B. THRALL, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, who was present by invitation for that purpose.

The following officers of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia were installed in solemn and ample form: M. W. WM. J. BATES, Grand Master; R. W. E. H. SHOWALTER, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. ISRAEL FOREMAN, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. W. P. WILSON, Grand Treasurer; R. W. T. H. LOGAN, Grand Secretary; R. W. W. L. HYLAND, Grand Senior Deacon, R. W. S. B. STIDGER, Grand Junior Deacon; Bro. A. J. LYDA, Grand Chaplain; Bro. T. BLISS, Grand Tyler.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge will be published in due time, and copies sent you. Meanwhile we extend to you our fraternal greetings, and solicit your friendly recognition.

W. J. BATES, *M. W. G. M.*
T. H. LOGAN. *G. S.*

WHEELING, June, 1865.

WISCONSIN.

At their annual session in June, 1864, G. W. WASHBURN, M. W. G. M., presided. He says the history of Masonry in their jurisdiction, during the year, has not been marked by events of an extraordinary or unusual character. The several subordinate Lodges are, as a general thing, in a healthy and prosperous condition. He granted no dispensations for new Lodges, a circumstance, he remarks, which never occurred before since their organization.

M. L. YOUNGS, Grand Lecturer, reports a marked improvement in some important particulars.

The report of foreign correspondence is from the pen of Bro. H. L. PALMER. They quote largely from the address of our P. G. M. MOORE, and with evident approval, and speak of the pleasure his visit afforded them.

JOHN T. WENTWORTH was elected Grand Master, and W. was re-elected Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FENTON,
Grand Secretary and ex-officio chairman of C

On motion of Bro. Hon. WM. M. FENTON, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed revision substitution, which has been printed, and a copy been served on the each of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, in the month of C be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock

On motion, the report of the special committee, appointed at the last session, "to identify and establish the esoteric work, adopted by this Grand Lodge, according to the key in the archives," be made the special order for this evening, at 7

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge to labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order. The special order was taken up, viz: the report of the special committee appointed at the last session to identify and establish the esoteric work heretofore adopted.

Bro. the Hon. WM. M. FENTON, chairman of the committee, requested Bro. JAMES FENTON, Grand Secretary, (another member of the committee), to ask the questions in the lectures, and any Brother, so disposed, to give the answers, which, if not correct, according to the standard of this Grand Lodge, they should be pointed out, and the true answer given, *verba literatim*, by the Grand Secretary.

The lecture on the first section of the E. A. Degree commenced, when W. Bro. GEORGE KIRKLAND, Master of the Grand Lodge, No. 144, in this jurisdiction, rose in his place, and stated that he was made a Mason in the State of Ohio, in the year 1840, by the late R. W. Bro. JOHN BARNEY, who had then just returned from the Baltimore convention, which adopted the Maryland Baltimore work, and volunteered to answer the questions,

did *correctly to a word*; thus, by oral testimony, proving the identity of our standard lectures, as reported by the committee, with those taught by Bro. JOHN BARNEY, after the Baltimore convention aforesaid.

The remaining lectures in the E. A. Degree, and those in the F. C. and M. M. Degrees were then recited in regular order, together with the work and history in the latter, the Grand Secretary asking the questions and the R. W. S. BLANCHARD, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, giving the answers; in every case great care being taken to recite them correctly, even in the minutest particular.

The question was then taken on the acceptance and adoption of the report, when it was accepted and adopted by a unanimous vote.

The evening being then far spent, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. CLEMENTS, Grand Chaplain.

The special committee, to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Master's address for division and reference, then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN:

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, for division and reference to appropriate committees for action, beg leave to report:

1. That so much of said address, as refers to the death of Past Grand Master E. HALL, and Grand Tyler CHARLES D. HOWARD, be referred to a select committee of three, to be appointed by the Grand Master, and that memorial pages be set apart, in our next published proceedings, in remembrance of their virtue and worth.
2. We further report, that so much of said address, as relates to the duties of examining committees, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed as aforesaid.
3. Further, that the portion relating to the communication from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, be also referred to a like committee.

4. That so much as relates to Masons made in military committee believe that no further action is necessary, so far as a committee.

5. That so much of said address, as refers to the status made in military Lodges, be referred to the Committee on Military.

6. That so much as relates to ancient and foreign Masonic admission into our Lodges as members, without demits or evictions among Masons, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law.

7. That so much as refers to the initiating, passing, and raising, be referred to a special committee of three.

8. That so much as relates to the communication of Brethren be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law, together with correspondence.

9. That so much as relates to charges, as a means for the payment of debts, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law.

10. That so much as relates to the applications of Brethren from Traverse City and Alpena, be referred to the Committee on Initiations and also the application of the Brethren at Lawton, together with applications, for examination.

11. That so much of said address as relates to keys, be referred to a special committee, consisting of P. G. Masters WM. M. FENTON, MONROE and LOVELL MOORE.

12. That so much as relates to the constitution, as amended, section 12, article V., be referred to the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

13. That so much as relates to a uniform burial service be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed as aforesaid.

14. That so much as pertains to the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, the action of our Grand Master in relation thereto, be referred to a committee of three, to be named as aforesaid.

15. That so much as relates to manuals be referred to a committee of three.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A. B. CUDDELL

E. G. ALLAN

JOHN N. GILBERT

The R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer then made the report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed :

REPORT.

M. W. GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, respectfully

That during the past year my health and strength have been better than for several preceding years, enabling me, through your

kindness and indulgence, to devote my whole time and energies to the service of the Craft, and to correspondence with intelligent Brethren in other sections of the Union, in regard to the progress and working of the Order beyond our immediate jurisdiction.

Within the year I have visited, lectured and worked in seventy-three Lodges, including all the new Lodges, and I here renew my former assurances of the zeal of the Brethren in observing the instruction communicated, I trust, in accordance with the edicts of the Grand Lodge.

During the nine years that I have had the honor of acting as your Grand Visitor and Lecturer, the Masonic Institution has steadily kept pace with the increasing growth of our State, and the number, intelligence and devotion to the Order, of those initiated during this period, have greatly strengthened the hands of the older members of the Fraternity, and aided them in extending the benevolent and moral influences of our Institution.

We have but to look around this hall to discover that it would be difficult to assemble, under any other organization, a higher degree of cultivated intellect or moral force than annually assembles in Grand Lodge to represent the special and general interests of the respective Lodges within this jurisdiction. It would be strange, indeed, if this were not so, for this Grand Lodge is composed, mainly, of the three principal officers of the subordinate Lodges, who are generally selected as the most talented, energetic and devoted members of a Lodge. But this is not all that may be discovered here. I speak from knowledge when I say that it will be equally difficult to find a Grand Lodge whose members comprehend more perfectly than our own, the principles, details and land-marks of Free Masonry, or whose lectures and work are more uniform and correct. This is owing, as I have had occasion to state heretofore, to the wise adoption, at an early period, of a fixed standard of lectures, as a guide to our work.

In all the arts and sciences we seek for correct principles to establish a rule that shall guide our practice. The Baltimore convention adhered to this rule and embodied the true principles of Masonry, as an art and a science, with the view of establishing uniformity in the lectures and work of the Lodges; and for many years, under the edicts of the Grand Lodge, the Baltimore or "National" lectures, and their application to the work, has been the guide of your Grand Visitor and Lecturer, until our Fraternity, with a few exceptions, have become so familiar with the system that but few of our Lodges, I presume, would be willing to derange the existing order of things for the purpose of introducing language and forms of questionable utility, and which would compel so many of our Brethren to *unlearn* what they have taken so much pains to learn.

On closing, permit me to present my heartfelt thanks to the Grand Lodge for long continued kindness, forbearance and support, and to the Brethren throughout the State for similar acts of friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

S. BLANCHARD,

Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following committees on portions of Grand Master's address, against the report of the special committee, to wit :

On portion No. 1—Bros. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, P. A. ST. CLAIR, and Rev. D. B. TRACY.

On portion No. 2—Bros. A. J. SAWYER, A. D. L. A. ROGERS.

On portion No. 3—Bros. G. C. MONROE, P. C. NOBLE, and G. E. HUBBARD.

On portion No. 7—Bros. O. D. CONGER, B. PORTER, and KINNE.

On portion No. 11—Bros. Hon. WM. M. FENTON, GEO. C. MONROE, P. G. M., and LOVELL MOORE, P.

On portion No. 13—Bros. Rev. L. H. CORSON, S. BURY, and R. P. ELDRIDGE.

On portion No. 14—Bros. JOHN A. BARNES, JOSEPH, and O. L. COWLES.

On portion No. 15—Bros. WM. L. WEBBER, BELA COGSHALL, and JOHN B. HAMILTON.

The standing Committee on Grievances then made report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE GRAND LODGE:

The Committee on Grievances have had under consideration the appeal of JOHN G. OWEN, late a member of Cedar Lodge, and the committee find that in 1862, Bro. OWEN was expelled, after a hearing and trial, for un-Masonic conduct; that he appealed to this Grand Lodge, and in January, 1863, the matter was examined by the Committee on Grievances, and while thus pending, by a mutual agreement of Cedar Lodge and Bro. OWEN, by which Bro. OWEN pay up his dues and assessments, and make suitable acknowledgment and thereupon leave was granted by this Grand Lodge, in pursuance of the recommendation of the committee, to Bro. OWEN to withdraw his appeal. Bro. OWEN, afterwards, offered to pay his dues and assessments to make any acknowledgment whatever. In 1864, Bro. OWEN presented his case to the Grand Lodge, and the Committee fully examined the matter, but made no report, being entirely satisfied that no injustice had been done.

Your committee are entirely satisfied with the conclusion arrived at by the former committees of this Body, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Your committee have also had under consideration the appeal of Bro. J. P. HACKENBERG, from White Pigeon Lodge, No. 164. This appeal complains of the W. M. of said Lodge, for not issuing a warrant on an account allowed in his favor; but it appears that the allowance of the account was rescinded at the next regular communication, and your committee believe that the claim of Bro. HACKENBERG is without legal or equitable foundation, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WEBBER,

Chairman.

The following memorial from Bros. BARCLAY, ELLIOTT and Rood, members of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, as follows, was referred to the standing Committee on Masonic Law :

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, members of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, would respectfully show, that charges were regularly preferred by the Junior Warden against Bro. THOS. B. MOTT, a member of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, of un-Masonic conduct, with due specifications; that two witnesses were summoned, and time of trial appointed.

At time of trial, one witness only was present. The Master asked the Junior Warden if he was ready to proceed with the trial. The Junior Warden informed the Lodge that he had no witnesses to prove the charges, etc., (yet one, and he the principal witness, was then present, and had never been examined by the Junior). Upon motion, the charges were dropped, and on further motion, a diploma was granted the accused Bro. MOTT. At the next regular communication, the matter was brought up, and referred to a committee of three. This committee reported that they believed the Brother guilty of gross un-Masonic conduct, and presented charges and specifications, which were received, and Secretary instructed to serve copy, summon witnesses, etc.

At the time of trial, the W. Master *ruled the charges out of order*, (except the last charge of intoxication), on the ground that the charges were the same as those previously dropped by order of the Lodge, and that the Brother had once been tried, and could not be tried twice for the same offense.

Believing the Brother an unworthy member, we pray your Hon. Body to order a new trial of said MOTT.

WM. BARCLAY,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
E. ROOD.

A memorial from R. BRONSON, a member of Waterford No. 98, as follows, which was referred to the standing Committee on Grievances :

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF MICHIGAN

The subscriber, a member of Waterford Lodge, No. 98, from the decision of said Lodge for the following, to wit: So the month of October last, the subscriber complained of a Brother of said Lodge for un-Masonic conduct towards me, in commencing a suit in Justice of the Peace against him, without first laying the cause of complaint before the Lodge for adjustment. The Lodge, on complaint made, appointed a committee to investigate the cause of grievance they did do, and made a report to the Lodge that Bro. THOMAS, the Brother complained of for un-Masonic conduct, did not act un-Masonically in first commencing said suit without appealing to the Lodge, the reason that Bro. WHITTLE had told this subscriber that he was not, thereby removing all Masonic obligation resting upon him.

To which the Lodge received said report, and adopted the same, virtually adopting the precedent that it is not un-Masonic to sue a Brother Mason without first laying the cause of complaint before the Lodge, which they both belong.

From this doctrine I appeal to the Grand Lodge to remove the Masonic precedent of commencing a suit, without first ending effect a settlement of all grievances through the interposition of the Lodge.

Yours, in brotherly love,

RICHARD J. LADD

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary then presented the annual accounts, which were referred to the standing Committee on Accounts.

R. W. LANDON, *Grand Treasurer, in account with*

THE GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF MICHIGAN

1865.

Jan'y 12	To balance on hand,
Mar. 13	" Cash of Grand Secretary,
June 2	" " " "

1866.

Jan'y 9	" Interest,
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Total,

1865.		Cr.
Jan'y 13	To Pay Roll,	\$3,020 61
	Warrant, No. 199,	234 60
	“ “ 200,	200 00
	“ “ 201,	50 00
	“ “ 202,	26 02
	“ “ 203,	4 25
	“ “ 204,	11 25
	“ “ 205,	150 00
	“ “ 206,	353 93
	“ “ 207,	8 60
	“ “ 208,	36 00
	“ “ 209,	99 35
	“ “ 210,	200 00
	“ “ 211,	100 00
	Counterfeit money of Grand Secretary,	12 00
	Warrant, No. 212,	17 00
	“ “ 213,	70 00
	“ “ 214,	175 00
	“ “ 215,	200 00
	“ “ 216,	200 00
	“ “ 217,	200 00
1866.		
Jan'y 11	Balance on hand,	4,474 45
	Total,	<u>\$9,843 06</u>

All of which, with the vouchers, is most respectfully submitted.

R. W. LANDON,

Grand Treasurer.

DETROIT, Jan. 11, 1866.

JAMES FENTON, *Grand Secretary, in account with*

THE GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF MICHIGAN.

1865.		Dr.
	To paid drayage,	\$ 50
	“ Post Office Stamps,	15 00
	“ Ribbon,	2 50
Mar. 25	“ Repairing Seal,	2 00
April 18	“ Telegram,	3 10
	“ Ribbon,	1 12
	“ Advertising,	1 50
May 2	“ Paid Grand Treasurer,	87 00
Aug. 3	“ Post Office Stamps,	5 00
29	“ “ “	5 00
Nov. 4	“ “ “	3 00
27	“ Ribbon,	90
28	“ Post Office Stamps,	4 00

1866.			
Jan'y 6	To paid Revenue Stamps,	\$ 3 00	
	" Salary, 1 year,	500 00	
	Balance,	310 38	
	Total,	<u>\$944 00</u>	

1865.			Cr.
Jan'y 17	By special Dispensation, Rockland Lodge,	\$ 10 00	
	" " from Grand Master,	60 00	
Feb. 13	" " " "	90 00	
15	" " " "	5 00	
Mar. 15	" " Romeo Lodge,	10 00	
April 20	" " Michigan Lodge,	5 00	
May 4	" " Zion Lodge,	5 00	
June 15	" " " "	5 00	

Dispensations for new Lodges, viz :

Jan'y 26	Big Rapids,	20 00
Feb. 21	Richmond,	20 00
Mar. 9	Dearborn,	20 00
17	Hubbardston,	20 00
April 29	Evening Star,	20 00
	Adams,	20 00
May 25	Flint,	20 00
July 22	St. Louis,	20 00
	Hillsdale,	20 00
	Pilgrim,	20 00
	Clinton,	30 00
Sept. 22	Croton,	20 00
Nov. 3	Grand Ledge,	20 00
	Portsmouth,	20 00
4	Orangeville,	20 00
Mar. 17	St. Joseph Valley Lodge, balance dues, 1864,	15 50
	Williamston Lodge, dues, 1864,	22 00
	Two Blue Books,	50
	Seventy-two Grand Lodge Certificates,	36 00
	From Grand Treasurer, on account; Salary,	175 00

1866.			
Jan'y 10	From Grand Master Mitchell,	195 00	
	Total,	<u>\$944 00</u>	

On motion of Bro. Wm. L. WEBBER, it was

Resolved, That no Lodge shall receive any petition for initiation, unless the applicant state in the petition whether he has ever applied for initiation to any other Lodge, and if such application has been made, shall state the

time or times when, and the Lodge or Lodges to which, such application has been made; and in case such statements are found to be false, it shall be good cause for expulsion from the Order.

On motion of Bro. COFFINBURY, it was

Resolved, That the halls of Mystic Lodge, No. 141, Redford, No. 152, Oakwood, No. 100, and Ithica, No. 128, having been destroyed by fire, that the Grand Lodge dues of said Lodges for this year, be, and they are hereby remitted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue duplicate charters to them.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

The standing Committee on Masonic Law made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred certain portions of the G. M.'s address, respectfully report they concur therein as follows :

5. The status of Masons made in military Lodges, and others out of the jurisdiction, who were residents in this jurisdiction at the time the degrees were conferred upon them.

Answer. That all who were made Military Masons in a regularly constituted Lodge, recognized as being under the jurisdiction and within the territorial limits of any sister Grand Lodge, must be recognized and treated as M. Masons, while in good standing, or being regularly demitted, may be admitted members of any Lodge in this jurisdiction in the usual manner. The remedy (if any) of this Grand Lodge, is through such sister Grand Lodges, the fault in such being in the Lodge conferring the degrees, and not in the Brother receiving them.

All military Lodges, and others acting under dispensation or charter out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge granting the same, are clandestine, and no Mason made therein can be recognized as such, but should be treated as a profane. His petition may be received and acted on in the usual form, and, if found worthy, may be initiated, etc., in the usual manner, or if found, on examination, proficient, on conferring the obligations and on payment of the regular fees.

6. Ancient and foreign Masons without demit, (when in good standing), and without legal evidence of former membership in Lodges of which they were members are extinct.

Answer. Where regular proofs cannot be obtained, such as within the prerogatives of the Grand Master, who may dispense with on proper showing, to his entire satisfaction.

9. Can charges be preferred for the non-payment of a debt?

Answer. No; unless debt contracted by fraud, or payment made fraudulently.

The same committee, to whom was referred the appeal from Lodge, No. 2, in case of charges against Bro. THOMAS B. MOORE, fully report, that they concur fully in the Grand Master's opinion, general rule, that a Brother should not be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense.

But in this case, on investigation, and new facts appearing, that the charges should be, in our opinion, entertained, and Lodge, No. 2, be instructed to hear and determine the case. The present should have been examined or the case postponed.

WM. M. FENTON
J. EASTMAN JR.
L. MOORE.

The special committee, to whom was referred section 12, of the M. W. Grand Master's address, reported :

REPORT.

That the provision in section 12, article 5, of the Grand Constitution, not being in the revised constitution, the question be entertained.

Which was accepted and adopted.

The special committee to whom was referred section 12, of the Grand Master's address, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and M. W. W. T. MITCHELL and S. COFFINBURY were elected delegates, in accordance with the recommendation.

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN:

Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relative to the preamble and resolution received from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, do most respectfully report, that the

the same under consideration, and recommend that this Grand Body, at its present session, elect two delegates to meet the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, for the purpose of taking such action as may be found necessary, relative to the subject matter contained in said preamble and resolution.

G. C. MONROE,
G. B. NOBLE,
S. B. HUBBELL,

The Grand Lodge then took up the special order, to wit: The consideration of the revised constitution, as reported by the committee, and which was sent to the Master of each of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, in October last.

When, on motion, the revision, as reported by the committee, was accepted and the constitution was read, when it was resolved to take the question of adoption by sections.

Section 2, of article 1, was amended by striking out the word "last," in the third line from the bottom; and in the line below it, inserting, after the word "Lodges," the words, "*and who are in good standing.*"

The section, as amended, was then passed.

Section 11, of article 3, was amended by adding in the second line from the top, after the word "Secretary," the words "*and R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer.*"

The section, as amended, was then adopted.

Section 5, article 5, was amended, by adding to it the words, "*except in cities or villages, Lodges in which shall have concurrent jurisdiction, and the same shall extend to at least the limits of such city or village.*"

The section, as amended, was then adopted.

Section 13, article 5, was amended, by adding after the first word "no," the word "*voluntarily.*"

The section was then adopted as amended.

Section 2, of article 6, was amended, by adding to the third line from the bottom, after the word "initiation," the words "*or advancement*"; also in the line below it, after the words "second time," the word "*only.*"

The section, as amended, was then adopted.

Section 1, of article 6, was amended by adding to the seventh line from the top of page 19, after the words "shall be," the word

"subsequently"; also by striking out of the same "at the next meeting," and inserting the word "by

Section 17, of article 6, was amended by adding words, "*being the same which was re-affirmed by this at the session of 1864.*"

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment, amended, by a vote by Lodges, and it was adopted by 2 yeas and 2 nays.

The same special committee then reported their report on the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, being the same as heretofore, with the addition of a new article, No. 19, as follows:

"The election and installation of officers of the Grand Lodge in the last order of business of the session."

The report was accepted, and the code of by-laws was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge to labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING

The M. W. Grand Master called the Lodge to labor.

The special committee appointed at the last session, reported on the edicts of the Grand Lodge, presented their committee report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed annually, as the proceedings, with the addition, from year to year, of standing resolutions which may hereafter be passed.

On motion of Bro. CLISBEE, it was

Resolved, That 1500 copies of the constitution be printed in similar style to the present constitution, and that three copies be sent to each subordinate Lodge.

And further, That copies of the same may be sold at a price of one copy to any Brother desiring to possess one.

The standing Committee on Examination reported the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The standing Committee on Examination respectfully report, that they have examined the by-laws of the following Lodges, working under dispensation, and recommend that charters be granted them by the titles and numbers as follows, to wit :

Wyandotte Lodge, No. 170, at Wyandotte, Wayne Co.
Big Rapids Lodge, No. 171, at Big Rapids, Mecosta Co.
Dearborn Lodge, No. 172, at Dearborn, Wayne Co.
Evening Star Lodge, No. 173, at Medina, Lenawee Co.
Genesee Lodge, No. 174, at Flint, Genesee Co.
Clinton Lodge, No. 175, at Clinton, Lenawee Co.
Hillsdale Lodge, No. 176, at Hillsdale, Hillsdale Co.
Croton Lodge, No. 177, at Croton, Newaygo Co.
Tuscan Lodge, No. 178, at Hubbardston, Ionia Co.
Grand Ledge Lodge, No. 179, at Grand Ledge, Eaton Co.
Pilgrim Lodge, No. 180, at Fremont, Newaygo Co. .
Orangeville Lodge, No. 181, at Orangeville, Barry Co.

Your committee further report, that upon examination of the by-laws and constitution of Evening Star Lodge, that article 4 of its constitution, and section 2 of their by-laws, are contrary to Masonic law and usage, and should be expunged or altered so as to conform to the constitution of this Grand Lodge and the well established laws and usages of Masonry. Your committee make the same observation in reference to articles 13 and 14 of the by-laws of Dearborn Lodge ; also, in reference to articles 5 and 11 of the constitution of Clinton Lodge ; also, section 3 of the by-laws of the said Clinton Lodge ; also, section 2, of article 4, of the by-laws of Grand Ledge Lodge.

With the exceptions above mentioned, your committee recommend that the by-laws sent up by the above Lodges be approved.

Your committee further report, that Richmond Lodge, U. D., has not returned its by-laws or records, and St. Louis Lodge, U. D. has not returned its records or by-laws, but has returned its dispensation ; and your committee are therefore unable to report upon them, but are satisfied that the omission occurred through inadvertance, and your committee recommend that their dispensations be renewed and continued until the close of the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Portsmouth Lodge, U. D., has not returned its dispensation, but requests a renewal and continuance of the same until the close of the next annual communication, and your committee recommend that its request be granted.

Your committee further report, that they have examined the petitions and accompanying papers for the formation of Lodges at Muskegon, Parma, Palmyra, Henrietta and Northville, under this jurisdiction, and do recommend that charters be granted to them, as follows :

Lovell Moore Lodge, No. 183, at Muskegon, Muskegon Co.

Parma Lodge, No. 183, at Parma, Jackson Co.

Palmyra Lodge, No. 184, at Palmyra, Lenawee Co.

Pleasant Lake Lodge, No. 185, at Henrietta, Jackson Co.

Northville Lodge, No. 186, at Northville, Wayne Co.

Redford Lodge, No. 152, was burned Dec. 30, 1865, charter, furniture, etc. Neighboring Lodges have kindly offered their halls for the use of Redford Lodge to hold its meetings and they ask permission of this Grand Body to temporarily hold meetings in some neighboring hall, and your committee recommends that their request be granted.

Your committee have examined the records and by-laws of Hamilton Lodge, U. D., and find them correct. Hamilton Lodge appears before your committee and opposed the granting of a charter on the ground that Adams Lodge is in their jurisdiction and should have obtained a charter. The subject matter of the objection seemed to your committee to come within the province of the Committee on Grievances, and your committee, therefore, report the case of Adams Lodge back to the Grand Body for their consideration, without recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELA C.
J. W.
E. W.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

The petition of Adams Lodge, for a charter, which was presented to your committee, has received the consideration of your committee. They beg leave to report, that Adams Lodge is within the jurisdiction of Hamilton Lodge, and they did not get their recommendation from the edict of this Grand Lodge, but did get the recommendation of Hamilton Lodge.

Your committee further report, that the action of Adams Lodge in procuring the recommendation of Fidelity Lodge, acted in entire good faith under the supposition that Fidelity Lodge was the nearest to the place of meeting.

Your committee further report, that they are satisfied that the granting of a Lodge at North Adams would be conducive to the interests of Masonry, and they therefore recommend that a charter be granted as follows:

Adams Lodge, No. 189, at North Adams, Hillsdale Co.

Your committee further report, that they have examined the records of Dansville Lodge, No. 160, and have made certain corrections and recommend that they be approved as corrected by your committee.

Your committee further report, that they have had under consideration the by-laws of Union Lodge, No. 28, and find them so improved, that they recommend that this Grand Lodge disapprove

and recommend to said Lodge to adopt the code of by-laws recommended by this Grand Lodge, as contained, in the Blue Book.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELA COGSHALL,
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
E. W. HARRIS.

The special committee, to whom was referred section 2, of the Grand Master's address, then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND LODGE :

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to examining committees upon petitions for the degrees of Masonry, beg leave to report :

That, whereas, it being all important that when the members of a Lodge are called upon to ballot for a candidate, they should be enabled to do so understandingly, whether they are personally acquainted with the candidate or not.

And whereas, it is impossible to do so upon the hasty and thoughtless manner in which such committees are too apt to report for the action of the Lodge ; we would, therefore, offer the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge require all committees to whom petitions may be referred, to make a full written report, as to the character, standing and antecedents of the candidate, as well as the jurisdiction to which he may rightfully belong.

And that said report be not written upon the petition itself, but upon a separate paper, signed by at least a majority of the committee, which report shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

A. J. SAWYER,
A. D. CRANE,
L. A. ROGERS.

Committee.

On motion of Bro. L. G. SPERRY, it was

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Richmond Lodge, U. D., the same not to be issued until the dispensation, under which they have been working, be returned to the Grand Secretary ; also, that a charter be issued to the Brethren petitioning from St. Louis, in Gratiot county.

On motion of Bro. B. COGSHALL, it was

Resolved, That he be permitted to deposit with the Grand Secretary sundry matters and things, late belonging to the archives of Atlas Lodge, No. 53, the charter of which has been forfeited, and the Lodge become extinct.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all charters granted at this session be dated as of this day.

On motion, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Prayer was offered by the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain, after which the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

R. W. Bro. COFFINBURY then presented, as a gift to the Grand Lodge, on behalf of the artist, Mrs. GEER, of this city, an oil portrait of our venerable Brother, S. BLANCHARD, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, remarkable alike for its artistic execution as for its perfect representation of his well-known features; whereupon it was moved and resolved, that a special committee of three be appointed to make a suitable acknowledgment. The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. J. L. MITCHELL, M. C. T. PLESSNER and J. B. TOMLINSON as such committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Bro. CUDWORTH, and unanimously passed :

Whereas, the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, the Flint and Holly Railroad, the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad, and the Grand Trunk Railroad Companies have issued return tickets to the delegates residing upon the respective lines of said railroads; therefore,

Resolved, The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan do hereby tender to the officers and stockholders of the above named railroads, its thanks, and hereby direct our Grand Secretary to communicate this, our action, to the officers and stockholders of the aforesaid railroads.

The standing Committee on Grievances then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE:

The Committee on Grievances have had under consideration the several matters placed in their hands, and would respectfully report as follows:

1. The appeal of AARON ABBOTT from the vote of Maxson Lodge, No. 26, expelling him from the rights and benefits of Masonry. The charge is substantially, that Bro. ENOS CANIFF, being in Detroit with money belonging to a third person, a Mr. WILCOX desiring to have fifty dollars, Bro. ABBOTT stated to Bro. CANIFF, that if he would furnish the money to WILCOX, he (ABBOTT) would repay him as soon as they returned home to Hudson. That Bro. CANIFF did furnish the money on the faith of Bro. ABBOTT's promise, and that Bro. ABBOTT, knowing that the money so used was not the money of Bro. CANIFF, before the same was used, did, on his return home, refuse to pay the money to Bro. CANIFF, and denied all liability therefor. Bro. ABBOTT denies the charge, and says he did not know that the money belonged to a third person, and denies that the money was, in fact, paid. Your committee repudiate the idea of making the Lodge a medium for the collection of debts in ordinary cases, but if Bro. ABBOTT, knowing that Bro. CANIFF had not the money of his own, and that he used the money of a third person for his accommodation, and on the faith of his promise did, on his return home, repudiate his liability, and refuse payment, your committee believe that he was guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and, by his course, might place his Bro. CANIFF in a position to be prosecuted for embezzlement. But as to the merit of the case, your committee express no opinion, as we find that the examining committee, who took the testimony, ruled out questions, on the trial, that should have been allowed. For this irregularity, we recommend that the action of the Lodge, in expelling Bro. ABBOTT, be reversed and annulled, and that the case be remanded to said Lodge, to be again tried on the charges and specifications filed therein.

2. The appeal of RICHARD BRONSON from the action of Waterford Lodge. Bro. BRONSON complained that a Brother and member of said Lodge had commenced a suit against him, without first laying the cause of complaint before the Lodge for adjustment. The Lodge dismissed the complaint, and Bro. BRONSON appeals to the Grand Lodge. Your committee approve the course of the Lodge, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

WM. L. WEBBER,
W. V. MORRISON.

On motion of Bro. CHAMPLIN, it was

Resolved, That the W. M. of each subordinate Lodge, at the next regular meeting, after receiving the revised constitution and standing orders of this Grand Lodge, cause the same to be read in their Lodges.

Resolved, further, That it shall be the duty of the W. subordinate Lodge to cause the said constitution and standing of this Grand Lodge to be read in their respective Lodges, at least three months.

Bro. CUDWORTH offered the following resolution, referred to the Committee on Masonic Law :

Resolved, That we regard the right of assessment as law in accordance with ancient usage and Masonic law.

The standing Committee on Grievances then made their report :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE :

The Committee on Grievances beg leave to submit a further report as follows :

1. The appeal of Bro. RITTER, from the action of Jeremiah M. No. 95, expelling him from the rights and benefits of Masonry. The vote for expulsion was taken at a special communication, general notice thereof was given, and, therefore, cannot be sustained. We recommend that the vote of expulsion be vacated, and that the case be remanded. There has been much testimony taken in the case, part of that taken is alleged to be lost, and to avoid the expense of the same, the committee recommend that all the testimony in the case be again placed in the hands of the said Lodge, with power to refer the same to a new committee, to take such further testimony as parties may desire, and to regularly bring the matter to trial and regular communication, or a special called for that purpose, or to call all the members.

2. The appeal of Bro. WM. BROWN, from the vote of Plympton Lodge, No. 47, expelling him from the rights and benefits of Masonry. The charge is that Bro. BROWN was guilty of un-Masonic conduct in attempting to seduce a girl of the age of fourteen or fifteen. The trial, so far as appears to the committee, was fair, and he is found guilty of the charge. The committee cannot too strongly express their abhorrence of the offense charged, and we are entirely satisfied with the finding of the Lodge in this case. We, therefore, recommend that the action of the Lodge be affirmed, and that the appeal be dismissed.

WM. L.
W. V. M.

A memorial from GEORGE W. PATTISON, appealing from the action of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, in expelling him, and

to be restored, was presented and referred to the standing Committee on Grievances.

BRO. VANKEUREN asked the following question :

Charges having been preferred and the committee having reported, can the accused be expelled at any but a regular communication ?

Which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Law, who reported the following answer :

Action on the charges must be commenced at a regular communication, and may be continued from time to time and had at special communications, convened for that purpose, by vote at such regular, or notice to all the members of the Lodge within the jurisdiction.

REPORT.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The special committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the action of Rockland Lodge, No. 108, in initiating, passing and raising Major CASH, without a dispensation, respectfully report, that they fully endorse the action of the Grand Master, and recommend that, in consideration of the circumstances, the action of said Lodge be treated as if under special dispensation, and the dispensation first sent be accepted as if such dispensation had been granted in due time.

O. D. CONGER,
B. PORTER,
A. F. KINNE.

The special committee on section 14, of the Grand Master's address, then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, that relates to the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, late President of the United States, and the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master thereon, most respectfully report :

Resolved, That this Grand Body do most deeply sympathise with the whole people in their grief at the death, by violence, of the late chief magistrate of the nation.

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Master in giving the Brethren of this jurisdiction liberty to join in all public processions, attending the funeral ceremonies of the late President of the United States, and recommending the draping the altars of the several Lodges in mourning, meets with the entire approbation of this Grand Body.

J. A. BARNES,
J. S. SMITH.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to M. W. W. T. MITCHELL, G. M., for his able and dignified manner in the discharge of his arduous and responsible duties during the year and at this session, and that our thanks are due to the other Grand Officers, for their efficient co-operation in the duties appertaining to their respective stations and places.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be \$500, for the present year only.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated to Monroe Chapter, No. 1, of the city of Detroit, for use of Grand Secretary's office, the past year, and for the use of this hall during the present session.

Resolved, That the sum of \$50 be appropriated to Bro. W. V. GRIFFITH, for his services as Grand Tyler during the present session.

On motion, it was ordered that the papers in the case of Bro. ABBOTT be sent back to his Lodge.

The standing Committee on Masonic Law then presented the following majority and minority reports, on Bro. CUDWORTH's resolutions, which were accepted :

MAJORITY REPORT.

We regard the right of assessment as being competent only for dues, to be provided for by the by-laws of a subordinate Lodge.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
LOVELL MOORE.

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of the Committee on Masonic Law reported as follows :

It is competent to provide by the by-laws for quarterly or annual dues, and to vote an assessment not provided for therein in cases of emergency, for relief of distressed Brothers and other objects of Masonic charity, and for the necessary expenses of the Lodge.

WM. M. FENTON, *Minority of Committee.*

After discussion, the minority report was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That fifty dollars be appropriated for the relief of our venerable Brother, SENECA CASWELL, P. G. S. and T. of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty dollars be paid to M. W. W. T. MITCHELL, to re-imburse him for expenses during the year.

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer be the \$800, ensuing year, to be paid quarterly, in addition to Lodge dues.

The special committee on section 1, of the Grand Master's address, relating to the death of P. G. M. E. HALE, and C. D. HOWARD, G. S. and T., then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the death of P. G. M. EBENEZER HALL, and our Grand Steward and Tyler, CHARLES D. HOWARD, would respectfully report :

That we have endeavored to obtain such facts relative to the life and character of Bro. HALL as the short time allowed us for that purpose has permitted. For most of the facts we present, we are indebted to Bro. ROBERT P. ELDRIDGE, of Mt. Clemens, and to a biographical sketch of Bro. HALL, published in a paper of that place, also furnished us by Bro. ELDRIDGE.

Our M. Bro. HALL was born in the State of New Hampshire, on the 30th day of July, 1788, and died at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, July 2, 1865, near the close of the eighty-second year of his life. He received a fair English education, maintaining himself, while studying his profession of medicine, by teaching. While experimenting in chemistry, his attention was directed to the manufacture of glass, in which business he engaged, and pursued it successively at Warwick, Massachusetts, and afterwards at Woodstock, Ulster County, New York. In 1835, he removed to Mt. Clemens, where he erected and carried on, with his son-in-law, ISAAC J. GROVIER, the Mt. Clemens Glass Works. He was for twenty-five years, after his removal there, engaged in important and prominent business. He was never idle, much of his time being spent in pursuing his favorite and scientific study, and he has discovered and made known the medicinal properties of many of our indigenous plants.

Bro. HALL had a strong constitution, which, with his good habits, carried him to an advanced age, with an intellect still strong, clear and vigorous. He was sick but a few days, and sank into the grave as all

would wish to die, quietly, peacefully, and with the love and At his request, he was buried with Masonic honors, the attention of the Fraternity being very general.

He had been a Mason for sixty years, and was one of the leading spirits in the revival of Masonry in this State. He was elected Grand Master in 1841, and performed its duties with honor to himself, and to the satisfaction of the Craft. He was properly considered a pattern Master. His counsel, often sought, was never unheeded, for his wisdom was ever exemplified by his strict adherence to the tenets of the Craft. Bro. ELDRIDGE speaks of him thus:

"My acquaintance with P. G. M. Bro. E. HALL commenced in 1841. He was one of the firm of HALL & GROVIER, who carried on the manufacture of glass at this place. I knew him as a Mason from 1835; he was the Worshipful Master at that time. When Master in Michigan, Bro. E. HALL was among the first to move. Bro. JOSEPH COLE, and Bro. AARON PARKS, and others, got up a petition for a dispensation to form a Lodge, and to be named Lebanon Lodge. They could find no Grand Master, no Dep. Grand Master, and no Warden; but they did find an old G. Jr. Warden, by the name of Bro. WEED, a worthy man, living at the time in the village of Auburn, in Auburn county. Bro. WEED granted them a dispensation, under which they organized, and went to work making Masons. Their first revenue was in German silver, which, when the charter of Lebanon Lodge was rendered, and a charter granted to Mt. Clemens Lodge, was turned over with other property of Lebanon Lodge, to Mt. Clemens Lodge.

"Bro. HALL was zealous in advocating the granting of a charter to Mt. Clemens Lodge, and was, while living, a faithful, zealous member. As a man, Bro. HALL was esteemed for his general and social qualities by all who knew him well, exemplary as a Christian, yet of a jovial turn, loving dearly a good story, and one of the keenest of wit. By the Craft, he was highly and justly esteemed, and will long remember the many pleasant hours we have passed in listening to his unique and mirthful sallies.

"Bro. HALL was proud of his Masonic connections. His character became brighter and more steadfast as he drew near the end of his journey. I shall never forget the last Masonic communication I had with him. He asked him, at the close, if he would like that we should bury him with Masonic honors. He replied, 'Brother, it has long been my wish to be buried, but I do not wish to put the Lodge to any expense.' 'The Lodge is able, and would be very happy to bury him with Masonic honors if it was his desire to be so buried, and his family would be glad.' His eye brightened for a few moments, and said, 'Such, Brother, is my last wish, so far as the affairs of earth are concerned; and I am also willing that I should be so buried.' I was holding him by the hand at the time; he could speak with difficulty. After a moment's rest, he took my hand, looked in my face and smiled, and said, 'Brother, I am at rest, God and my Redeemer—farewell.' He died the next day, as he requested, on the fifth day of July, 1865."

He will long be remembered by the community in which he lived, for his energy and business capacity, and for his charitable acts as a physician among the poor, during his thirty years' residence in this State, and by the Masonic Fraternity, because of his great love for it, and his many labors in its behalf.

In view of the facts we have thus obtained, your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, That Bro. EBENEZER HALL, our revered Past Grand Master, possessing a strong and vigorous mind by nature, which he had well cultivated, has passed an honorable and useful career;

Resolved, That in his long life, spent in the exercise of all the Masonic and civic virtues, he has set an example worthy of the admiration and esteem of all men, and which we cordially commend to the imitation of our Brethren;

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the widow and children of our deceased Brother in their affliction, feeling at the same time that their and our loss is his great gain;

Resolved, That a page, "In Memoriam," in our proceedings, be inscribed with his name;

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the widow and family of our deceased Brother.

Your committee further report, that we have learned the following facts relative to our deceased Brother CHAS. D. HOWARD, from R. W. Bro. JAMES FENTON, Grand Secretary:

"He was born in Vermont, and made a Mason there, and removed to Michigan at an early day, and settled in Pontiac. Was seventy-two when he died. Came to Detroit, and, from 1830 to 1840, was in charge of the first water works in this city.

"When Masons, in 1841, began to clear away the rubbish and re-light their lamps, and set up their altars, he met with them from time to time. Being of a retiring disposition, the part he took was rather passive than active. He was elected Grand Steward and Tyler in 1856, a post he occupied up to the time of his death in the summer of 1865. His funeral was largely attended by the Fraternity, and who performed the usual Masonic ceremonies, agreeably to his wish often expressed."

In view of these facts, in addition to those so well known to us all touching his performance of his duties as Grand Tyler for so many years, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Bro. CHAS. D. HOWARD, as Grand Steward and Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge, from 1856 to the time of his death in 1865, has performed his duties in a faithful and exemplary manner;

Resolved, That Bro. HOWARD, by his zeal and assiduity in the performance of his trust, his attachment to the Order, and his irreproachable conduct as a man and a Mason, has entitled him to our kind and fraternal regards, and to the esteem of all good men.

Resolved, That a page in our Proceedings be devoted to his memory.

Resolved, That by practicing the virtues of the humblest, we may, with Bro. HALL and Bro. HOWARD, find admission to the portals of the Heavenly Lodge, and, ushered into the company of the exalted, equally partake of the gracious favor of the Light Ineffable.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON

A. ST. CLAIR,

D. B. TRACY,

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge to labor, until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, the members of the Grand Lodge be reserved in the East ; and the Brethren be requested to sit in the West, at all future communications of this Grand Lodge.

The special committee to whom was referred section of the Grand Master's address relating to manuals, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Masonic Manuals would respectfully inform you that there have recently been published two Masonic Monitors, one by the Grand Secretary, Bro. JAS. FENTON, and one by Bro. UTLEY. Your committee have not been able to read them both through with criticism. From a general examination, we find that of Bro. FENTON to be in accordance with the work and lectures of this jurisdiction. Its execution is faultless, being on good paper and large, clear type. The Monitor by Bro. UTLEY is, so far as we have been able to discern, in accordance with the work and lectures, but the paper and type is not as good as the former, but it is offered at a lower price. If we were to be authorized, your committee would recommend the adoption of that of Bro. FENTON, but your committee would not recommend the adoption of any one to the exclusion of all others ; and we would recommend that both the Monitors above referred to, be at the liberty to the Lodges to use such as each may prefer.

WM. L. V.

BELA CO.

J. B. HA.

The committee further report, on the resolutions referred to them relative to the use of Monitors, being Nos. 3 and 8 of the Blue Book. That they recommend that the resolution passed January 14, 1847, being edict No. 3 of the Blue Book, be rescinded, and that edict No. 8, passed January 10, 1850, be amended by striking out the words "CROSS' Monitor and MOORE's Craftsman," and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "WEBB's Freemason's Monitor, as compiled by R. W. Bro. JAS. FENTON, Grand Secretary."

We find the same installation service in Bro. UTLEY's Manual as in Bro. FENTON's.

WM. L. WEBBER,
BELA COGSHALL,
J. B. HAMILTON.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Bro. GEO. C. MONROE, P. G. M., which, after debate, was adopted :

Whereas, The hall of Lafayette Lodge, No. 16, was destroyed by fire;
And whereas, A proposition from the Council of the village of Jonesville, to give a perpetual lease of the upper story of a city hall, there about to be erected in said village, provided said Lodge would furnish \$3365 of the cost of erecting, the same being one-fourth of the cost thereof was accepted by said Lodge;

And whereas, A few individual members of said Lodge advanced the said sum or a part thereof, for said Lodge, with the understanding on the part of said Lodge, so expressed at a regular communication of said Lodge;

And whereas, At a subsequent special communication convened for that purpose, after full and due notice to each member thereof, an assessment of five dollars was made on each member thereof, for the purpose of re-imbursement of such assessment and discharging the residue of said liability; therefore,

Resolved, That it is lawful for said Lodge, under the circumstances, to require the payment of said assessment and administer Masonic discipline for a refusal or neglect to pay the same.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approves the object of the "Michigan Soldiers' Monument Association," and recommend to the Fraternity a cordial support and liberal contributions for the erection of a suitable monument, in memory of the patriotic soldiers of Michigan, and carrying out the objects of said association.

The special committee to whom was referred the question of a suitable acknowledgment to Mrs. GZER for her valuable present,

then reported the following resolution, and recommended its adoption, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge respond to the solicitation prompted Mrs. GEER, wife of Bro. L. H. GEER, to make the depository of so valuable a work of art, as this portrait of Bro. L., and as an earnest of the appreciation of those services, to donate her the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in appreciation of her merits as an artist, and her kindly regard for the Order; and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be a committee to present her with an exemplified copy of this resolution, and of one hundred and fifty dollars.

(Signed,)

J. L. MITCHELL

The standing Committee on Accounts then presented their report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The standing Committee on Accounts of the current session, to whom the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were submitted, beg leave to report, that they have examined said accounts and find them correct, which accounts are herewith returned; and your committee further report, that they find now in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer at this date, (and not including the receipts of the present session), the sum total of \$4,784.83, as follows: in the hands of the Grand Secretary, the sum of \$310.98; in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, the sum of \$4,474.95.

Your committee further report, that they find due to the Grand Lodge, BACKUS, for stationery furnished this Grand Lodge, the sum of \$250, which sum your committee find correct, and recommend the same to be paid thereof; also, \$250 to C. MOORE, of Boston.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. D.

D. R.

H. K.

The following resolution was adopted, on motion of
WALKER :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a jewel, to be presented to P. G. Master MITCHELL.

The Grand Lodge then, pursuant to the special order of the day, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

resolved that the voting be by ballot, when the following Brethren were declared to be duly elected to the offices set opposite to their names, respectively, to wit :

S. C. COFFINBURY, of Constantine, .	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo, .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
A. PARTRIDGE, of Birmingham, .	<i>R. W. S. Grand Warden.</i>
D. A. WRIGHT, of Austin, . .	<i>R. W. J. Grand Warden.</i>
RUFUS W. LANDON, of Niles, . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit, . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
S. BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh, . .	<i>R. W. Grand Visitor & Lecturer.</i>

Pursuant to the requirement of the revised constitution, the M. W. Grand Master elect then appointed the following Grand Officers for his term, to wit :

THOMAS U. FLANNER, M. D., of } Hancock, L. S., . . . }	<i>R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for Upper Peninsula.</i>
Rev. D. B. TRACY, of Petersburg, .	<i>M. R. Grand Chaplain.</i>
REUBEN BULLMAN, of Detroit, . .	<i>W. Grand Architect.</i>
J. T. LOWRY, of Detroit,	<i>W. S. Grand Deacon.</i>
C. J. KRUGER, of Grand Rapids, . .	<i>W. J. Grand Deacon.</i>
N. B. ELDRIDGE, 2d, of Dryden, . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
ARTHUR M. CLARK, of Lexington, .	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
W. F. KING, of Adrian,	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
W. V. GRIFFITH, of Detroit, . . .	<i>Grand Steward and Tyler.</i>

The standing Committee on Grievances then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

TO THE GRAND LODGE:

The Committee on Grievances have had in their hands the communication of GEORGE W. PATTISON, being in the nature of an appeal from the action of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, expelling him from the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Your committee have inquired of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and find that section 8, article 6, of the constitution, has not been complied with by said Lodge, they having made no report of their proceedings in the case.

We recommend, that the appeal lie on the table until the next communication, and that, in the mean time, said Detroit Lodge report their proceedings in the case to this Grand Lodge.

WM. L. WEBBER,
W. V. MORRISON.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure suitable aprons for the use of the Grand Officers.

On motion of Bro. W. F. KING, it was

Resolved, That the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Adrian.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a form of report, to be made by committees on examination of qualifications of candidates.

On motion of M. W. W. T. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That the funeral honors adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1860, and repealed in 1865, be restored.

The M. W. Grand Master then proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect, who were respectively presented by Bro. OLIVER DODGE, Grand Marshal, and installed in due and ancient form by M. W. WILLIAM T. MITCHELL, with appropriate ceremonies and solemn music.

On motion of M. W. W. T. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby instructed to invest surplus funds of the Grand Lodge in his hands in safe interest-bearing stocks.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure the printing of the transactions, and such other matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having reference in his contract as well to the price, as to the time of performance.

There being no further business, the communication of the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony, in AMPLE FORM, after solemn prayer by the W. and M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST :

[SEAL.]



Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam.

EBENEZER HALL, M. D.,

M. W. PAST GRAND MASTER.

Died at Mt. Clemens, 1865.

ÆTATE 62.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LODGES

ARE HELD EVERY MONTH, ON THE DAYS FOLLOWING *on or before* THE
FULL MOON, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
1 Wednesday.	54 Tuesday.	105 Monday.
2 Tuesday.	55 Wednesday.	106 Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉
3 Monday.	56 Thursday.	107 1st Tuesday.
4 Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉	57 Tuesday.	108 2d Wednesday.
5 Tuesday.	58 Thursday.	109 Wednesday.
6 Wednesday.	59 Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉	110 Monday.
7 Friday.	60 Thursday.	111 1st Wednesday.
8 Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉	61 Wednesday.	112 Monday.
9 Wednesday.	62 Thursday <i>before</i> ☉	113 Wednesday.
10 Saturday.	63 Monday.	114 Tuesday.
11 Monday.	64 Friday.	115 Tuesday.
12 Tuesday.	65 Friday.	116 1st Friday.
13 Tuesday.	66 Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉	117 Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉
14 3d Monday.	67 2d Tuesday.	118 Monday.
16 Thursday.	68 Friday <i>before</i> ☉	119 Wednesday.
17 2d and 4th Thursday.	69 Friday.	120 Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉
18 1st Tuesday.	70 Wednesday.	121 Thursday.
19 Wednesday.	73 Saturday.	122 Thursday.
20 Friday.	74 Tuesday.	123 Wednesday.
21 Friday.	75 Monday <i>before</i> ☉	124 Tuesday.
22 Wednesday.	76 Tuesday.	125 Saturday <i>before</i> ☉
23 Monday.	77 Tuesday.	126 Tuesday.
24 Saturday.	78 Thursday <i>before</i> ☉	127 Friday <i>before</i> ☉
25 Tuesday.	79 Saturday <i>before</i> ☉	128 Thursday.
26 Monday.	80 Friday <i>before</i> ☉	129 Wednesday.
27 Wednesday.	81 Wednesday.	130 Thursday.
28 Saturday.	82 Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉	131 Thursday.
29 Friday.	83 Thursday.	132 Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉
30 Tuesday.	84 Saturday.	133 Tuesday.
31 Tuesday.	85 Wednesday.	134 Friday.
32 Tuesday.	86 Tuesday.	135 1st Tuesday.
33 Thursday.	88 Wednesday.	136 Monday.
34 Wednesday.	89 Wednesday.	137 Thursday.
35 Friday <i>before</i> ☉	90 Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉	138 Saturday <i>before</i> ☉
36 Wednesday.	91 Thursday.	139 Wednesday.
37 Monday.	92 Saturday.	140 Monday.
38 Wednesday.	93 Wednesday.	141 Saturday.
39 Wednesday.	94 Monday.	142 Saturday.
40 Friday.	95 Tuesday.	143 Thursday.
41 Thursday <i>before</i> ☉	96 Monday.	144 Thursday.
44 Thursday.	97 Monday.	145 Tuesday.
46 Thursday.	98 Monday.	146 Monday.
47 Friday.	99 Tuesday.	147 Thursday.
48 Tuesday.	100 Wednesday.	148 Monday.
49 Monday.	101 1st Tuesday.	149 Saturday.
50 1st and 3d Wednesday's	102 Wednesday.	150 Wednesday.
51 Monday.	103 Monday.	151 Wednesday.
52 Wednesday.	104 Tuesday.	152 Friday.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LODGES—*Continued.*

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
154 Thursday.	164 Saturday.	175 Saturday.
155 Monday.	166 Thursday.	176 1st Wednesday.
156 Tuesday.	167 Tuesday.	177 Friday.
157 Tuesday.	168 Tuesday.	179 Saturday <i>before</i> ☉
158 Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉	169 Monday.	180 Saturday.
159 Thursday <i>before</i> ☉	170 Monday.	181 Tuesday.
160 Tuesday.	171 Thursday.	187 Saturday.
161 Wednesday.	172 Saturday.	188 Thursday.
162 Saturday.	173 Monday.	189 Monday.
163 Monday.	174 Wednesday.	

EXPULLED.

NAMES.	LODGES.	NO.	CAUSE.
Geo. W. Pattison, . . .	Detroit,	2 .	u. m. c.
W. W. H. Withington, . .	Jackson,	17 .	"
Lawrence McLouth, . . .	Adrian,	19 .	"
Reverdy Frary,	"	19 .	"
Alonzo Hathaway, . . .	Concord,	30 .	"
N. W. Edgar,	Lansing,	33 .	gross "
Chas. Richardson, . . .	Lyons,	37 .	" "
Wm. H. Brown,	Plymouth Rock, . . .	47 .	" "
O. P. Stobridge,	Almont,	51 .	n. p. d.
Thos. Hagan,	"	51 .	u. m. c.
J. A. Holbrook,	Hastings,	52 .	n. p. d.
Thomas J. Hand,	Port Huron,	58 .	u. m. c.
D. W. Gould,	Eaton Rapids,	63 .	gross "
Francis T. Hall,	Saginaw,	77 .	" "
T. W. Nichols,	Lowell,	90 .	u. m. c.
Thos. Kearney	Charity,	94 .	"
Daniel Hogmire,	Rising Sun,	119 .	"
Geo. Tompkins,	Ithica,	123 .	"
R. R. Britten,	Linden,	132 .	"
W. D. Ludington,	Port Hope,	138 .	"
John S. Williams,	Warren,	147 .	"
Jehial A. Richards, . . .	Dansville,	160 .	"

In Memoriam.

CHARLES D. HOWARD,

GRAND STEWARD AND TYLER.

Died at Detroit, 1865.

ÆTATE 72.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES.

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WITH
THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	T. D. Merrick,	Little Rock.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thomas B. Harris,	Hamilton, C. W.
Connecticut,	John W. Paul,	Waterbury.
Colorado,	O. A. Whittemore,	Denver.
Delaware,	Benjamin N. Ogle,	Delaware City.
District of Columbia,	W. Morris Smith,	Washington.
Florida,	Hugh A. Corley,	Tallahassee.
Georgia,	Simri Rose,	Macon.
Illinois,	Harman G. Reynolds,	Springfield.
Indiana,	William Hacker,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	T. S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Greensburg.
Kansas,	E. T. Carr,	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana,	Samuel L. Todd,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Charles W. Moore,	Boston.
Missouri,	A. O'Sullivan,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	R. W. T. Daniel,	Natchez.
Minnesota,	George W. Prescott,	St. Paul.
New Hampshire,	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin, M. D.,	New York.
North Carolina,	William T. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nebraska,	S. D. Bangs,	Bellevue.
Nevada,	Charles H. Fish,	Virginia City.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	J. E. Hurford,	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania,	William H. Adams,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Horatio Rogers, Jr.,	Providence.
South Carolina,	A. G. Mackey, M. D.,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	Charles A. Fuller,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringham,	Houston.
Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Richmond.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Poultney.
Wisconsin,	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory,	Elwood Evans,	Olympia.
Au Grand Orient de France, rue Cadet, No. 16,		a Paris.

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TRANSACTIONS OF THE

No.	LODGES.	W. MASTERS.	Address.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Am't Dues.	REMARKS.
1	ZION,	Hugh Johnson,	Detroit,	36	3			16	4	200	\$81 50	
2	DETROIT,	W. F. Moore,	Detroit,	29	6	1		54	4	243	90 75	
3	UNION OF S. O.	Levi T. Griffin,	Detroit,	32	6			29	3	218	80 50	
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY	William Graves,	Niles,	16	3			11	2	73	36 50	
5	ROCHESTER,	J. V. Lamberton,	Rochester,	20	7		5	60		72	32 50	
6	MT. CLEMENS,	R. P. Eldredge,	Mt. Clemens,	6	5	13		3	1	52	17 50	
7	WASHINGTON,	Alvah D. Eldred,	Tekonsha,	16	5			8	4	67	32 35	
8	TRENTON,	A. W. McMillinny,	Trenton,	5	2			2		56	16 85	
9	EVERGREEN,	D. D. Odell,	St. Clair,	11	7	1		6	3	79	26 75	
10	DOWAGIAC,	A. N. Alward,	Dowagiac,	10	3			12	1	80	30 00	
11	PINE GROVE,	E. W. Harris,	Port Huron,	22	3			16	3	111	49 75	
12	BATTLE CREEK,	A. B. Powell,	Battle Creek,	1	2			13	2	121	29 75	
13	PHOENIX,	W. G. Cox,	Ypsilanti,	29	6			14	1	110	49 75	
14	MURAT,	F. W. Sheldon,	Albion,	7	9			22	1	79	26 75	
16	LAFAYETTE,	Rev L. H. Corson,	Jonesville,	31	10			15	1	174	69 50	
17	JACKSON,	H. A. Stetson,	Jackson,	30	8	1		17	2	212	75 00	
18	TYRE,	D. Bovee,	Coldwater,	26	12			32	2	220	74 50	
19	ADRIAN,	John W. Finch,	Adrian,	65	16	2	5	31	8	201	105 25	
20	ST. ALBANS,	H. A. Tillotson,	Marshall,	6	3	2		8	3	98	31 25	
21	PONTIAC,	A. B. Cudworth,	Pontiac,	41	3			17	1	189	77 50	
22	KALAMAZOO,	G. M. Bushnell,	Kalamazoo,	23	4			23	3	164	60 00	
23	FLINT,	A. Randall,	Flint,	82	11			26	2	160	66 25	
24	MT. HERMON,	L. A. Clapp,	Centreville,	11	8			2	2	58	24 00	
25	PAW PAW,	H. L. Eggleston,	Paw Paw,	17	9			28	1	101	82 00	
26	MAXSON,	D. R. Stroud,	Hudson,	17	30	1		23	1	119	45 50	
27	MONROE,	A. J. Sawyer,	Monroe,	13	2			6	1	168	87 00	

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No	Lodgers.	W. Masters.	Address.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Refected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Am't Due.	Remarks.
66	CAPITAL OF S. O.	W. H. Pinckney,	Lansing,	16						104	\$41 25	
67	ONTONAGON,	J. Burtenshaw,	Ontonagon,	9						48	22 50	
68	BUCHANAN,	W. S. Merrill,	Buchanan,	13	3			3		29	38 00	
69	TECUMSEH,	Lucius Lilly,	Tecumseh,	37	27		1	10	2	111	63 25	
70	MASON,	Perry Henderson,	Mason,	13	2		5	19	1	76	31 00	
73	COLON,	A. J. Kinne,	Colon,	13	4			12		69	28 40	
74	DUNDEE,	Henry Watling,	Dundee,	5	2			1		58	18 75	
75	UTICA,	P. A. Knight,	Utica,	17	2			11		75	31 75	
76	LIVINGSTON,	M. F. Darrow,	Pinckney,	21	4			12	2	84	36 25	
77	SAGINAW,	W. J. Bartow,	East Saginaw,	7	1			21	1	76	26 00	
78	OTSEGO,	Willard Higgins,	Otsego,	12	10	1		11	2	99	27 50	
79	GERMANIA,	M. C. T. Plessner,	Saginaw City,	3						28	9 75	
80	BYRON,	B. Bostwick,	Byron,	6	4	1	10		1	77	20 75	
81	OWOSSO,	Henry Knill,	Owosso,	11	1			26		61	23 80	
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR,	William Randall,	N. Baltimore,	11	4		5		1	53	16 31	
83	BELLEVUE,	R. B. Hughes,	Bellevue,	9	4			12		39	19 00	
84	OXFORD,	P. M. Parker,	Oxford,	13	4			6	2	62	25 00	
85	ANN ARBOR,	John N. Gout,	Ann Arbor,	15	11			9	1	125	44 00	
86	VALLEY CITY,	W. K. Wheeler,	Grand Rapids,	13	6			12	1	117	41 60	
88	BUTLER,	A. Lampman,	Butler,	9	4			3	1	28	14 50	

95	J. MOORE,	Luther L. Todd,	4	8	12	65	\$21 50
96	GREENVILLE,	John Lewis,	18	4	21	75	28 75
97	NILES,	David H. Freed,	14			75	31 00
98	WATERFORD,	Chas. G. Roberts,	11	2	9	53	21 25
99	DECATUR,	Henry Cannoll,	9	6	11	63	23 00
100	OAKWOOD,	Geo. D. Cowdin,	19	5	15	62	
101	MARQUETTE,	M. H. Maynard,	14		6	72	29 25
102	BLANCHARD,	James J. Russell,	6	7	6	55	18 50
103	GREENLY,	Fred. Hart,	59	8	23	170	93 50
104	WHITE PIGEON,	G. G. DePuy,	15	1	9	79	29 00
105	ST. JOHNS,	W. H. Moote,	13	2	23	91	33 00
106	ST. PETERS,	John S. Jacks,	8	6	6	65	21 50
107	EUREKA,	C. T. Southworth,	10	5	6	47	11 00
108	ROCKLAND,	Simon Uren,	7	4	18	66	23 12
109	FENTONVILLE,	Asa Reynolds,	23	4	17	163	52 75
110	HIRAM,	H. W. Lobdell,	11	4	13	83	29 75
111	ALLEGAN,	George D. Smith,	8	3	9	59	22 75
112	WAYNE,	Chas. T. Barnard,	8	19	2	60	22 25
113	HAMILTON,	George C. Wyllys,	16	12	9	115	41 25
114	BLISSFIELD,	Wm. M. Corbit,	13	9	9	53	24 75
115	CORUNNA,	S. Pettibone,	12	7	11	79	31 31
116	EXCELSIOR,	John Anderson,	10	4	2	74	27 65
117	READING,	Daniel Kinne,	25	2	16	84	29 75
118	SCHOOLCRAFT,	D. Duncan, Jr.,	11		14	57	20 75
119	RISING SUN,	Newell Cressy,	8	1	22	94	37 75
120	CHARLOTTE,	E. S. Lacey,	21	2	8	56	25 00
121	COMMERCE,	T. A. Smith,	10	13	1	68	26 05
122	OTTAWA,	John W. Barnard,	13	1	9	40	
123	ITHICA,	W. W. Comstock,	8	26	4	78	29 50
124	EAGLE,	J. H. Waterman,	15	5	4	78	34 65
125	FAIRFIELD,	F. Grandy,	17	2	16	48	23 00
126	FOREST,	Olliva Dodge,	15		1	88	81 25
127	OVID,	John A. Potter,	9	2	12	85	32 50
128	YPSILANTI,	Warren Babcock,	14	4	5		

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No.	LODGES.	W. MASTERS.	Address.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Am't Dues.	REMARKS.
129	BAY CITY,	N. B. Bradley,	Bay City,	7	6		2	6		55	\$24 25	
130	STOCKBRIDGE,	C. G. Cool,	Stockbridge,	13	3		10	2		94	31 75	
131	NEWAYGO,	James Herron,	Newaygo,	9	34			7		42	21 00	
132	LINDEN,	J. B. Hyatt,	Linden,	10	1	1		18	1	64	23 75	
133	SALINE,	A. Miller,	Saline,	11	2			12		72	25 00	
134	HOLLY,	A. P. Waldo,	Holly,	23	7			12		66	38 25	
135	QUINCY,	R. H. Brelsford,	Hancock, L. S.	7				23		85	25 75	
136	POKAGON,	J. A. Shingledecker,	Pokagon,	7	3		2	9	2	48	17 25	
137	MENDON,	H. C. Clapp,	Mendon,	12	2			13		51	23 75	
138	PORT HOPE,	C. B. Cottrell,	Sand Beach,	7	1			8		42	18 50	
139	GRAND HAVEN,	Geo. E. Hubbard,	Grand Haven,	22	4		11	15		67	33 25	
140	MUSKEGON,	A. V. Mann,	Muskegon,	22	1			20	1	94	42 25	
141	MYSTIC,	Milo Clark,	Bronson,	17	1			19		71		Dues remitted.
142	MEMPHIS,	L. G. Sperry,	Memphis,	21	10			11		76	35 25	
143	HARMONY,	John S. Smith,	Burk's Corn'rs	13	2			13		55		
144	RUSSELL,	George Kirkland,	Lambertville,	6	2			4		31	13 50	
145	MAPLE RAPIDS,	Edgar D. Moss,	Maple Rapids,	12	6			10		59	27 00	
146	BOSTON,	W. Dowdman,	Saranac,	30	2	1		26		76	37 93	
147	WARREN,	H. W. Grennell,	Hudson,	16	2			15	1	45	25 75	
148	MANCHESTER,	Peter F. Blosser,	Manchester,	9	12			5		45	18 75	
149	UNITED,	E. H. Glenn,	Cooper,	14	4			7		53	28 75	
150	DRYDEN,	N. B. Eldredge,	Dryden,	11	2			22		48	23 25	
151	FARMINGTON,	J. H. Smith,	Novi,	9	3			11		59	20 00	
152	REDFORD,	J. G. T. Zeigler,	Redford,	18	8					56		Dues remitted.
153	WILLIAMSTON,	James W. Waldo,	Williamston,	9	3					83	14 75	
154	SAGINAW VALLEY,	D. M. Bennet,	Saginaw City,	13	1			7	2	59	24 75	

No.	LODGES.	W. MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Am't Dues.	REMARKS.
188	St. Louis,	O. A. Everden,	St. Louis,	6				2		19	\$10 75	\$30 for Charter
189	ADAMS,	Albert Kenyon,	North Adams,	24				2		32	31 50	\$30 for Charter.
				3445	761	23	102	1630	53	10509	5548 87	
			Charters as above								690 00	
			18 Grand Lodge certificates								9 00	
			Balance of Grand Secretary's account								310 38	
			Paid Grand Treasurer								\$6552 75	

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No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	PAID TO
1	Zion.....			\$9 00	9 00	Hugh Johnson.
2	Detroit.....			9 00	9 00	J. T. Lowrie.
3	Union of S. O.....			9 00	9 00	L. T. Griffin.
4	St. Joseph Valley..	191	\$19 10	9 00	28 10	Cass Chapman.
5	Rochester.....	25	2 50	9 00	11 50	J. V. Lambertson.
6	Mt. Clemens.....	24	2 40	9 00	11 40	W. S. Robinson.
7	Washington.....	120	12 00	10 00	22 00	A. D. Eldred
8	Trenton.....	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	A. McIlhinney.
9	Evergreen.....	56	5 60	9 00	14 60	D. D. Odell.
10	Dowagiac.....	178	17 80	9 00	26 80	A. N. Alward.
11	Pine Grove.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	E. W. Harris.
12	Battle Creek.....	121	12 10	9 00	21 10	A. B. Powell.
13	Phoenix.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	E. C. Jenner.
14	Murat.....	97	9 70	9 00	18 70	W. Morrison.
16	Lafayette.....	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	L. H. Corson.
17	Jackson.....	77	7 70	9 00	16 70	J. B. Tomlinson.
18	Tyre.....	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	D. Bovee.
19	Adrian.....	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	F. W. Finch.
20	St. Albans.....	107	10 70	9 00	19 70	H. A. Tillotson.
21	Pontiac.....	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	H. B. Cudworth.
22	Kalamazoo.....	143	14 30	9 00	23 30	G. M. Bushnell.
23	Flint.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	A. Randall.
24	Mt. Hermon.....	180	18 00	9 00	24 00	L. A. Clapp.
25	Paw Paw.....	164	16 40	9 00	21 40	T. H. Stephenson.
26	Maxson.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	D. R. Stroud.
27	Monroe.....	50	5 00	9 00	15 00	A. J. Sawyer.
28	Union.....	149	14 90	9 00	23 90	A. B. Aiken.
29	Humanity.....	107	10 70	9 00	19 00	M. W. Hatch.
30	Concord.....	96	9 60	9 00	18 60	A. J. Paddock.
31	Portland.....	136	13 60	9 00	22 60	George Hill, Jr.
32	Fidelity.....	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	F. T. Hayden.
33	Lansing.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	N. B. Jones.
34	Grand River.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	J. W. Champlin.
35	Siloam.....	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	T. G. Green.
36	Ionia.....	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	W. B. Wells.
37	Lyons.....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	J. W. Burns.
38	Howell.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	J. T. Titus.
39	Western Star.....	200	20 00	9 00	17 50	A. W. Marr.
40	Franklin.....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	D. Johnson.
41	Romeo.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	S. W. Belles.
44	Birmingham.....	19	1 90	9 00	10 90	E. W. Reynolds.
46	Orion.....	37	3 70	9 00	12 70	V. Brown.
47	Plymouth Rock....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	J. M. Ward.
48	Austin.....	52	5 20	9 00	14 20	B. Cogshall.
49	Meridian Sun.....	165	16 50	9 00	25 50	N. F. Packard.
50	Michigan.....	77	7 70	9 00	16 70	J. L. Mitchell.
51	Almont.....	48	6 00	9 00	15 00	D. W. Halleck.
52	Hastings.....	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	D. Stricker.
54	Lapeer.....	60	6 00	10 00	16 00	C. S. Hicks.
55	Backus.....	188	18 80	9 00	26 00	C. W. Clisbee.
56	Occidental.....	216	21 60	9 00	30 60	L. S. Mann.
57	Three Rivers.....	186	18 60	9 00	27 60	D. M. Bateman.

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No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	PAID TO
58	Pt. Huron.....	60	\$ 6 00	\$9 00	\$15 00	F. L. Wells.
59	Climax.....	132	13 20	9 00	22 20	M. Hodgman.
60	Cedar.....	35	3 50	9 00	12 50	H. T. Hirst.
61	Lexington.....	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	A. M. Clarke.
62	S. Ward.....	50	5 00	10 00	15 00	W. H. Pringle.
63	Eaton Rapids.....	102	10 20	9 00	19 20	G. B. Hamlin.
64	Macomb.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	Henry Bennet.
65	Washtenaw.....	47	4 70	9 00	13 70	A. D. Crane.
66	Capital of S. O.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	J. Vankeuren.
68	Buchanan.....	196	19 60	9 00	28 60	D. Terriere.
69	Tecumseh.....	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	P. J. Van Vliet.
70	Mason.....	115	11 50	9 00	20 50	P. Henderson.
73	Colon.....	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	A. J. Kinne.
74	Dundee.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	D. F. Wilcox.
75	Utica.....	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	P. A. Knight.
76	Livingston.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	M. F. Darrow.
77	Saginaw.....	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	W. L. Webber.
78	Otsego.....	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	W. Higgins.
80	Byron.....	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	B. Bostwick.
81	Owosso.....	80	8 00	9 00	17 00	Henry Knill.
82	Lake St. Clair.....	34	3 40	9 00	13 40	Wm. Randall.
83	Bellevue.....	122	12 20	9 00	19 00	R. R. Hughes.
84	Oxford.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	L. W. Stanton.
85	Ann Arbor.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	J. N. Gott.
86	Valley City.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	W. K. Wheeler.
89	Myrtle.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	M. R. Strong.
90	Lowell.....	148	14 80	9 00	23 80	E. R. Craw.
91	Ashlar.....				9 00	J. A. Barnes.
92	Prairie.....	134	13 40	9 00	22 40	M. W. Alfred.
93	Star.....	111	11 10	9 00	24 00	Z. Philllips.
94	Charity.....			9 00	9 00	J. W. Gilbert.
95	J. Moor's.....	95	9 50	9 00	18 50	G. W. Kinney.
96	Greenville.....	167	16 70	9 00	25 70	J. W. Bellknap.
97	Niles.....	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	D. H. Reed.
98	Waterford.....	33	3 30	9 00	12 30	C. G. Robertson.
99	Decatur.....	167			23 00	H. Cannoll.
102	Blanchard.....	57	5 70	9 00	14 70	D. B. Tracy.
103	Greenly.....	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	Fred. Hunt.
104	White Pigeon.....	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	T. E. Clapp.
105	St. Johns.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	J. R. Bromly.
106	St. Peters.....	203	20 30		21 50	F. S. Jacks.
107	Eureka.....	50	5 00	10 00	15 00	H. S. Noble.
108	Rockland.....				9 00	J. Fenton.
109	Fentonville.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	A. Reynolds
110	Hiram.....	31	3 10	9 00	12 10	F. Rhinehart.
111	Allegan.....	168	16 80	9 00	22 75	G. D. Smith.
112	Wayne.....	18	1 80	9 00	10 80	B. Hodgkinson.
113	Hamilton.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	G. C. Willis.
114	Blissfield.....	82	8 20	9 00	17 20	W. M. Corbitt.
115	Corunna.....	87	8 70	9 00	17 70	S. Pettibone.
116	Excelsior.....	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	Jno. Anderson.
117	Reading.....	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	D. Kinney.

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No.	LODGERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	PAID TO
118	Schoolcraft.....	160	\$16 00	\$9 00	\$25 00	E. Duncan.
119	Rising Sun.....	180	18 00		20 70	N. Crissey.
120	Charlotte.....	137	13 70	9 00	22 70	E. S. Lacy.
121	Commerce.....	37	8 70	9 00	12 70	Thad. A. Smith.
122	Ottawa.....	175	17 50	9 00	26 00	J. W. Barnard.
124	Eagle.....	147	14 70	9 00	23 70	J. H. Waterman.
125	Fairfield.....	78	7 80	9 00	16 80	S. W. Bennett.
126	Forest.....	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	W. B. Proctor.
127	Ovid.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	W. H. Faxon.
128	Ypsilanti.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	W. Babcock.
129	Bay City.....	129	12 90	9 00	21 90	J. S. Judson.
130	Stockbridge.....	74	7 40	9 00	16 00	H. Gregory.
131	Newaygo.....	200			21 00	J. Herron.
132	Linden.....	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	J. B. Hyatt.
133	Saline.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	E. B. Clark.
134	Holly.....	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	A. P. Waldo.
136	Pokagon.....	184	18 40		17 25	J. A. Shingledecker
137	Mendon.....	180	18 60	9 00	22 75	H. C. Clapp.
139	Grand Haven.....	188	18 80	9 00	27 80	C. D. Pagelson.
140	Muskegon.....	204	20 40	9 00	29 40	Alex. V. Mann.
142	Memphis.....	52	5 20	9 00	14 20	A. M. Dixon.
143	Harmony.....	48	4 80	9 00	13 80	Jno. S. Smith.
144	Russell.....	60			13 50	George Kirkland.
145	Maple Rapids.....	114	11 40	9 00	20 40	R. W. Boynton.
146	Boston.....	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	L. B. Barnes.
147	Warren.....	91	9 10	9 00	18 10	H. W. Grenell.
148	Manchester.....	97	9 70	9 00	18 00	P. F. Blosser.
149	United.....	150	15 00	9 00	23 75	E. H. Glenn.
150	Dryden.....	54	5 40	9 00	14 40	N. B. Eldridge, 2d.
151	Farmington.....	19	1 90	9 00	10 90	J. H. Smith.
153	Williamston.....	115	11 50	9 00	14 00	J. W. Waldo.
154	Saginaw Valley.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	W. McBratney.
155	Salina.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	M. Quackenbush.
156	Olive.....	54	5 40	9 00	14 40	A. F. Sawyer.
157	Addison.....	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	W. Brown.
158	Star of Lake.....	200	20 00	9 00	30 25	L. H. Bailly.
159	Golden Rule.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	R. Price.
160	Dansville.....	109	10 90	9 00	19 90	M. M. Atwood.
161	North Newburg.....	75	7 50	9 00	16 50	A. Bainbridge.
162	Coloma.....	190	19 00		18 00	B. B. Tucker.
163	Cass River.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	J. C. Kibbee.
165	Milford.....	44	4 40	9 00	13 40	J. F. Pickering.
166	Mt. Vernon.....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	T. S. Dorsay.
167	Tracy.....	61	6 10	9 00	15 10	M. Manly.
168	Temple.....	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	W. F. King.
169	Brooklyn.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	W. S. Culver.
J. D.	Wyandotte.....	17	1 70	9 00	10 70	John Bishop.
"	Big Rapids.....	235	23 50	9 00	27 49	A. S. Mason.
"	Richmond.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	A. S. Burgess.
"	Tuscan.....				18 25	A. G. Russell.
"	Evening Star.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	C. R. Lyon.
"	Adams.....	119	11 90	9 00	20 90	A. Kenyon.

PAY ROLL—Session of 1866, at Detroit.

No.	LODGE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	PAID TO
U. D.	Genesee.....	60	\$ 6 00	\$9 00	\$15 00	J. B. Hamilton.
"	Hillsdale.....	105	10 50	9 00	5 75	H. T. Farmer.
"	Clinton.....	90			13 25	D. Woodward.
"	Pilgrim.....				6 00	Dan. Weaver.
"	Croton.....				1 50	A. S. V. Clair.
"	Grand Ledge.....				4 50	G. W. Thomas.
"	Orangville.....				3 35	E. Nichols.

GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	PAID TO
Grand Master.....	60	\$ 6 00	\$9 00	\$15 00	W. T. MITCHELL.
Deputy Grand Master....	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	S. C. COFFINBURY
Senior Grand Warden....	143	14 30	9 00	23 40	A. T. METCALF.
Junior Grand Warden....	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	A. PARTRIDGE.
Grand Chaplain.....				25 00	S. CLEMENTS, JR.
Grand Treasurer.....	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	R. W. LANDON.
Grand Visitor & Lecturer	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	S. BLANCHARD.
Grand Architect.....				9 00	R. BULMAN.
Senior Grand Deacon....	52	5 20	9 00	14 20	D. A. WRIGHT.
Junior Grand Deacon....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	D. H. BAKER.
Grand Marshal.....	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	O. DODGE.
Grand Sword Bearer....	188	18 80	9 00	27 80	G. E. HUBBARD.
Grand Pursuivant.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	L. A. ROGERS.
Grand Steward and Tyler				50 00	W. V. GRIFFITH.
PAST GRAND MASTERS.					
L. Moore.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	Lovell Moore.
G. C. Monroe.....				20 20	G. C. Monroe.
W. M. Fenton.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	W. M. Fenton.
J. E. Johnson.....	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	J. E. Johnson.
F. Darrow.....				9 00	F. Darrow.
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STANDING ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

1. *Resolved*, That no presiding officer in any subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is entitled to wear any other regalia, except that of a Master Mason; and any attempt to introduce any other, is an innovation upon the long established usages of Masonry, and one that cannot receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge, and is hereafter expressly prohibited.

2. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any Master Mason in good standing, within the accredited jurisdiction of any subordinate Lodge, and not a member thereof, or of any other Lodge, or been rejected by any other Lodge, may become a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, if the Lodge applied to shall see proper to receive him.

3. *Resolved*, That the W. M. or Representative of each subordinate Lodge which shall be represented in this Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers for the time being, and Past Grand Master in attendance, be allowed ten cents per mile for traveling fees, computing one way only by the most usually traveled route; and three dollars per day for the time he shall actually attend the sitting of the Grand Lodge, not to be paid until the close of the communication.

Provided, That no Representative shall be paid a greater amount than the Lodge he represents shall have paid into the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the current year, for dues. And provided, also, that no Representative be paid as the Representative of more than one Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That it is necessary for a Master Mason, when elected to preside over a Lodge, before entering upon the duties of his office, to receive a proper qualification, and that qualification shall be to bind him faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of a Master of a Lodge together with the ancient charges and regulations, as laid down in WEBB'S Freemason's Monitor, as compiled by R. W. Bro. JAMES FENTON, Grand Secretary, and nothing more; and that any Present or Past Master, who has received the aforesaid qualifications, be authorized to perform the said ceremony when requested.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend to the M. W. Grand Master, that no new Lodge be hereafter organized within the distance of ten miles of any other Lodge now at work in this jurisdiction, unless for special causes shown.

6. *Resolved*, That every Brother ought to be a member of some Lodge,

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, to collect, by legal proceedings or otherwise, any debt due the Grand Lodge, whenever, in his opinion, the interest of the Grand Lodge shall require such action.

8. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not grant a charter to a new Lodge, unless the petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the M. W. Grand Master, or the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer, showing that the three first officers thereof are competent and duly qualified to perform the work required of them respectively, and that they are conversant with the ancient charges and landmarks, and not without satisfactory evidence that they have or can secure a suitable place for holding meetings.

9. *Resolved*, That the following Masonic clothing and insignia be established as the standard in this jurisdiction; and that all Lodges and Brethren, hereafter procuring new clothing, be recommended to have the same made in conformity with the following description, to wit:

JEWELS. The jewels of officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as of subordinate Lodges, shall be the same as are now in use, of a pattern to be found in the Grand Secretary's office.

COLLARS. Of officers of subordinate Lodges, to be of light blue ribbon or velvet, four inches broad.

The collar of the Grand Master shall be of purple, four inches broad, with narrow edge of gold lace, embroidered with acacia and pomegranate on the outside, and ornamented in the centre with pomegranate embroidered in gold.

Other Grand Officers, present and past, wear collars of purple ribbon, four inches broad, with narrow edging of gold lace cord.

APRONS. ENTERED APPRENTICE.—A plain white lamb skin or linen, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings, with a flap or fall to be triangular in shape.

FELLOW CRAFT.—The same, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

MASTER MASONS.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one-and-a-half-inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office, in silver or white, in the centre of the apron.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, PRESENT AND PAST.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with purple, and ornamented with gold and blue strings; they must have the emblems of their office, in gold or blue, in the centre.

The apron of the **DEPUTY GRAND MASTER** to have the emblem of his office in gold or embroidery, in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the **GRAND MASTER** is ornamented with the blazing sun, embroidered in gold, in the centre; on the edging, the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-cared

wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The **MASTERS** and **PAST MASTERS** of Lodges to wear, in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon or silver, half an inch broad, and, if ribbon, of the same color of the lining and edging of the apron. If **GRAND OFFICERS**, similar emblems, of Garter-blue or gold.

10. *Resolved*, That it is the right of all Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to admit or reject visiting Brethren, as they, in their discretion, may deem best.

11. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is incompetent to restore a charter after it has been legally surrendered.

12. *Resolved*, That all subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, located on the line of States, be and they are hereby *directed* not to initiate any person who lives in any other State, without first obtaining the consent of the M. W. Grand Master of such State, and also of the W. M. of the subordinate Lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides.

13. *Resolved*, That the Master or Wardens of a Lodge, in case of permanent removal from the jurisdiction, are entitled to a demit, under like restrictions as other members of their Lodge.

14. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the M. W. G. M. should not communicate official information in reply to letters from a Lodge, its officers or committees, not Masonically known to him, unless such letters are authenticated by the seal of the Lodge.

15. *Resolved*, That the infliction of fines, as a penalty upon refractory committees or Brothers, is inconsistent with ancient Masonic rules and usages.

16. *Resolved*, That in Masonry the accuser of a Brother Mason must be a Master Mason in good standing, who need not be sworn. The complaint or testimony of persons not Masons may be taken before the examining committee, on oath or otherwise, as the Lodge shall direct; but the testimony of witnesses not Masons should be taken before a committee, and not in open Lodge.

17. *Resolved*, That no appeal from a subordinate Lodge shall be entertained by the Grand Lodge, except upon proof that notice of said appeal has been given to the subordinate Lodge in writing, within ninety days after the appellant shall have received official notice of such decision; and such appeal shall be prosecuted at the first regular communication of the Grand Lodge after the time above limited shall have expired.

18. *Resolved*, That petitions for membership may be received and acted upon, but the applicant shall not be admitted to membership until he produces his demit, or in case of a defunct Lodge, proper evidence of

membership from the Grand Lodge under which the same was held. Where regular proofs cannot be obtained, such cases come within the prerogative of the Grand Master, who may dispense therewith on proper showing, to his entire satisfaction.

19. *Resolved*, That neither three of the Masonic penalties should be inflicted upon a Brother without charges, specifications, notice and trial in due Masonic form.

20. *Resolved*, That all Lodges within this jurisdiction are enjoined and prohibited from encouraging, promoting, or permitting the delivery or teaching any Masonic lectures or work which are not sanctioned and authorized by this Grand Lodge in accordance with its constitution; and all Brothers within this jurisdiction are prohibited from delivering or teaching such lectures to Lodges in this State.

21. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of a Master of a Lodge to suspend the advancement of a candidate at any stage of his advancement, when it shall come to his knowledge that such candidate is either unworthy of receiving, or ineligible to receive Masonic light, regardless of the source or channel of such knowledge.

22. *Resolved*, That all newly chartered Lodges may hold their first election for officers at any regular communication within two months after the date of their charter.

23. Charges having been preferred and the committee having reported, can the accused be expelled at any but a regular communication?

Action on the charges must be commenced at a regular communication, and may be continued from time to time and had at special communications, convened for that purpose, by vote at such regular, or notice to all the members of the Lodge within the jurisdiction.

24. It is competent to provide by the by-laws for quarterly or annual dues, and to vote an assessment not provided for therein in cases of emergency, for relief of distressed Brothers and other objects of Masonic charity, and for the necessary expenses of the Lodge.

25. *Resolved*, That no Lodge shall receive any petition for initiation, unless the applicant state in the petition whether he has ever applied for initiation to any other Lodge, and if such application has been made, shall state the time or times when, and the Lodge or Lodges to which, such application has been made; and in case such statements are found to be false, it shall be good cause for expulsion from the Order.

26. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge require all committees to whom petitions may be referred, to make a full written report, as to the character, standing and antecedents of the candidate, as well as the jurisdiction to which he may rightfully belong.

And that said report be not written upon the petition itself, but upon a separate paper, signed by at least a majority of the committee, which report shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge.

27. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the W. M. of every subordinate Lodge to cause the said constitution and standing orders of this Grand Lodge to be read in their respective Lodges, at least once in three months.

28. *Resolved*, That copies of the constitution may be sold at thirty cents per copy to any Brother desiring to possess one.

29. *Resolved*, That all resolutions, orders and edicts of this Grand Lodge conflicting with the foregoing, be, and they are hereby rescinded.

RICHMONDS & BACKUS, Binders, 185 Jefferson avenue, Detroit.

of Grand Officers for the Year 1866.

NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

BURY, Constantine,	-	M. W. Grand Master.
LF, Kalamazoo.	- - -	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
FLANNER, M. D.,	{	R. W. District Deputy Grand Master
L. S.,	{	for Upper Peninsula.
GE, Birmingham,	- - -	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
HT, Austin,	- - -	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
LANDON, Niles,	- - -	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
TON, Detroit,	- - -	R. W. Grand Secretary.
RD, Tecumseh,	- - -	R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer.
RACY, Petersburg,	- -	M. R. Grand Chaplain.
LLMAN, Detroit,	- - -	W. Grand Architect.
Y, Detroit,	- - - -	W. Senior Grand Deacon.
R, Grand Rapids,	- - -	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
DGE, 2d, Dryden,	- - -	Grand Marshal.
CLARK, Lexington,	-	Grand Sword Bearer.
Adrian,	- - - -	Grand Pursuivant.
FITH, Detroit,	- - -	Grand Steward and Tyler.

Next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the second Wednesday (19th) in June in the City of Adrian.

It is indispensable that Secretaries forward the Returns of their Lodges before the

Address of Grand Secretary:

JAMES FENTON,

34 Macomb Street,

DETROIT.

TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN,
AT ITS
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD AT ADRIAN,

January 9, A. L. 5867.



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GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS,
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS convened, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and the resolution of the last Session, at Masonic Hall, in the City of Adrian, on the second Wednesday in January, (9th), A. L. 5867.

PRESENT.

M. W. S. C. COFFINBURY,	GRAND MASTER.
R. W. A. T. METCALF,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
W. A. PARTRIDGE,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
W. D. A. WRIGHT,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
W. RUFUS W. LANDON,	GRAND TREASURER.
W. JAMES FENTON,	GRAND SECRETARY.
W. S. BLANCHARD,	GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.
M. REV. D. B. TRACY,	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
W. C. J. KRUGER,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
N. B. ELDREDGE,	GRAND MARSHALL.
N. F. KING,	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
W. V. GRIFFITH,	GRAND STEWARD AND TYLER.

At High Twelve the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. D. B. Tracy,
M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers Wm.

Walker, Fred. K. Wells, and O. T. Blood, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit:

REPRESENTATIVES.

1. *Zion*—Thos. McGregor, W. M.
2. *Detroit*—W. F. Moore, W. M.
3. *Union of S. O.*—J. P. Fiske, rep.
4. *St. Jo. Val.*—J. B. Fitzgerald, rep.
- 5. *Roch.*—J. V. Lambertson, W. M.
6. *Mt. Clemens*—C. Lamb, rep.
7. *Washington*—A. D. Eldred, W. M.
8. *Trenton*—N. C. Alvord, W. M.
9. *Evergreen*—D. D. O'Dell, W. M.
10. *Dowagiac*—A. H. Mason, W. M.
12. *Bat. Creek*—L. L. Livingston, rep.
13. *Phœnix*—C. F. Ashley, W. M.
14. *Murat*—F. W. Sheldon, rep.
16. *Lafayette*—G. Krapp, W. M.
17. *Jackson*—D. Keeler, W. M.
- 18. *Tyre*—D. Bovee, W. M.
- 19. *Adrian*—J. W. Finch, W. M.
20. *St. Albans*—H. A. Tillotson, W. M.
21. *Pontiac*—M. Walters, W. M.
22. *Kalamazoo*—O. T. Blood, W. M.
23. *Ft. Hunt*—S. C. Randall, W. M.
- 24. *Mt. Herman*—L. A. Clapp, W. M.
25. *Paw Paw*—A. J. Sortore, rep.
26. *Mason*—A. J. Skutt, W. M.
27. *Monroe*—A. I. Sawyer, W. M.
28. *Union*—A. B. Aiken, W. M.
29. *Humanity*—C. Doolittle, rep.
30. *Concord*—W. N. Keeler, rep.
31. *Portland*—M. B. Beers, rep.
32. *Fidelity*—J. F. Hayden, rep.
33. *Lansing*—J. P. Cowles, W. M.
34. *Gd. River*—L. H. Randall, W. M.
35. *Siloam*—Rev. D. Lantz, W. M.
36. *Ionia*—P. B. Haight, W. M.
37. *Lyons*—J. W. Burns, rep.
38. *Howell*—S. F. Hubbell, rep.
39. *Western Star*—E. Hall, rep.
40. *Franklin*—J. E. White, W. M.
41. *Romeo*—A. E. Palmer, rep.
44. *Birmingham*—E. W. Reynolds, W. M.
46. *Orion*—O. C. Thompson, rep.
47. *Plymouth Rock*—W. E. Smith, W. M.
48. *Austin*—B. Coggeshall, W. M.
49. *Mer. Sun*—N. I. Packard, W. M.
50. *Michigan*—H. S. Bridgman, rep.
51. *Almont*—DeW. Hallock, W. M.
- 52. *Hastings*—T. Phillips, W. M.
54. *Lapeer*—C. S. Hicks, W. M.
55. *Backus*—S. S. Chaplin, W. M.
56. *Occidental*—A. B. Leeds, W. M.
57. *Three Riv.*—D. M. Bateman, rep.
58. *Pt. Huron*—F. L. Wells, W. M.
59. *Climax*—A. B. Eldred, rep.
60. *Cedar*—J. F. Peter, W. M.
61. *Lexington*—N. Wolfel, W. M.
62. *S. Ward*—N. S. Boynton, W. M.
63. *Eaton Rap.*—G. B. Hamlin, W. M.
64. *Macomb*—C. Bennet, W. M.
65. *Washtenaw*—A. D. Crane, W. M.
66. *Capitol of S. O.*—W. H. Pinckney, W. M.
68. *Buchanan*—A. C. Bartlett, rep.
69. *Tecumseh*—D. C. Larned, rep.
70. *Mason*—G. M. Huntington, W. M.
73. *Colon*—W. E. Green, W. M.
74. *Dundee*—H. Watling, W. M.
75. *Utica*—P. A. Knight, rep.
76. *Livingston*—M. F. Darrow, W. M.
77. *Saginaw*—W. L. Webber, W. M.
78. *Osage*—O. Eaton, rep.

80. *Byron*—W. Clough, W. M.
81. *Owosso*—H. Knill, W. M.
82. *Lake St. Clair*—A. Perkins, jr., W. M.
83. *Bellvue*—R. B. Hughes, W. M.
84. *Orford*—L. W. Stanton, W. M.
85. *Ann Arbor*—J. Sprague, W. M.
86. *Valley City*—W. K. Wheeler, W. M.
87. *Butler*—Miles Warren.
89. *Myrtle*—W. R. Strong, rep.
90. *Lowell*—S. Brower, W. M.
91. *Ashlar*—J. Findlater, W. M.
92. *Prairie*—M. W. Alfred, W. M.
94. *Charity*—J. W. Gilbert, W. M.
95. *J. Moors*—J. Crabbs, rep.
96. *Greenville*—M. Rider, W. M.
97. *Niles*—D. H. Freed, W. M.
98. *Waterford*—F. W. Fifield, W. M.
99. *Decatur*—M. Wenner, W. M.
100. *Oakwood*—J. C. Jenkins, rep.
101. *Marquette*—M. H. Maynard, W. M.
102. *Blanchard*—J. R. Russell, W. M.
103. *Greenly*—W. Dutton, W. M.
104. *White Pigeon*—J. W. Mandigo, rep.
105. *St. John's*—A. L. Spaulding, W. M.
106. *St. Peter's*—M. H. Lee, W. M.
107. *Eureka*—H. S. Noble, W. M.
108. *Rockland*—J. B. Townsend, rep.
109. *Fentonville*—A. Reynolds, W. M.
110. *Hiram*—F. Garrettson, W. M.
111. *Allegan*—O. D. Smith, rep.
112. *Wayne*—G. Walker, W. M.
113. *Hamilton*—I. Hopper, W. M.
114. *Blissfield*—W. M. Corbit, W. M.
115. *Corunna*—C. J. Gale, rep.
116. *Excelsior*—S. Bunker, W. M.
117. *Reading*—A. B. Strong, W. M.
118. *Schoolcraft*—D. Duncan, jr., W. M.
119. *Rising Sun*—E. C. Hurd, W. M.
120. *Charlotte*—E. T. Church, rep.
121. *Commerce*—T. A. Smith, W. M.
122. *Ottawa*—T. Lowe, W. M.
123. *Ithaca*—H. P. Howd, rep.
124. *Eagle*—A. Bordman, W. M.
125. *Fairfield*—F. Grandy, W. M.
126. *Forest*—O. Dodge, rep.
127. *Ovid*—W. H. Faxon, W. M.
128. *Ypsilanti*—J. N. Howland, W. M.
129. *Bay City*—C. P. Nash, W. M.
130. *Stockbridge*—H. Gregory, W. M.
131. *Newaygo*—S. D. Thompson, rep.
132. *Linden*—J. B. Hyatt, W. M.
133. *Saline*—G. B. Mason, rep.
134. *Holly*—A. P. Waldo, W. M.
135. *Quincy*—J. Q. McKernan, rep.
136. *Pokagon*—J. E. Garwood, W. M.
137. *Mendon*—H. C. Clapp, W. M.
138. *Port Hope*—C. B. Cottrell, rep.
140. *Muskegon*—A. V. Mann, rep.
141. *Mystic*—Milo Clark, W. M.
142. *Memphis*—R. B. King, W. M.
143. *Harmony*—W. S. Hathaway, W. M.
144. *Russell*—G. Kirkland, W. M.
145. *Maple Rapids*—J. W. Hewitt, rep.
146. *Boston*—W. Dowlman, W. M.
147. *Warren*—E. A. Gay, W. M.
148. *Manchester*—P. F. Blosser, W. M.
149. *United*—E. H. Glenn, W. M.
150. *Dryden*—M. Fuller, rep.
151. *Farmington*—J. H. Smith, W. M.
152. *Redford*—G. M. F. Davis, W. M.
153. *Williamston*—J. W. Waldo, W. M.
154. *Sag. Valley*—D. M. Bennett, W. M.
155. *Salina*—W. Galligher, rep.
156. *Olive*—J. M. Congdon, W. M.
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165. *Milford*—H. D. Tenny, rep.
167. *Mt. Vernon*—M. Hawley, W. M.
167. *Tracy*—N. Manly, W. M.

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| 168. <i>Temple</i> —R. Kimball, W. M. | 180. <i>Pilgrim</i> —J. F. Odell, W. M. |
| 169. <i>Brooklyn</i> —W. S. Culver, W. M. | 181. <i>Orangeville</i> —E. Nichols, W. M. |
| 170. <i>Wyandotte</i> —J. S. Van Alstyne,
W. M. | 182. <i>Lovel Moore</i> —R. P. Easton,
W. M. |
| 171. <i>Big Rapids</i> —C. Gay, W. M. | 183. <i>Parma</i> —R. Landon, W. M. |
| 172. <i>Dearborn</i> —J. Travis, W. M. | 184. <i>Palmira</i> —W. G. Smith,
W. M. |
| 173. <i>Evening Star</i> —C. R. Lyon, W. M. | 185. <i>Pleasant Lake</i> —H. B. Hawley,
W. M. |
| 174. <i>Geneseo</i> —J. B. Newton, W. M. | 186. <i>Northville</i> —W. P. Hungerford. |
| 175. <i>Clinton</i> —G. Runyan, W. M. | 187. <i>Richmond</i> —D. Weeks. |
| 176. <i>Hillsdale</i> —R. A. Everett, W. M. | 188. <i>St. Louis</i> —J. R. Cheesman. |
| 177. <i>Croton</i> —J. F. Ganweller, S. W. rep. | |
| 179. <i>Gd. Lodge</i> —G. W. Thomas, W. M. | |

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

On Masonic Law—Bros. J. Eastman Johnson, P. G. M.; W. L. Webber, and J. W. Champlin.

On Grievances—Broa. W. T. Mitchell, P. G. M.; Sardis F. Hubbell, and O. L. Spaulding.

On Examination—Broa. B. Coggsall, P. G. V. and Lecturer; W. S. Sears, and N. B. Eldredge.

On Accounts—Broa. J. B. Fitzgerald, M. H. Maynard, and D. M. Bateman.

On Foreign Correspondence—The R. W. Grand Secretary, A. B. Cudworth, and D. Bovee.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

In pursuance of the Constitutional provisions of this Grand Body, we have again assembled to discharge those duties imposed upon us by the usages of our Order, and by that organic instrument of compact which gives us individuality as a body. After a year's separation from each other, we meet again, in peace, health and harmony. In this circumstance alone, we may find abundant reason for mutual congratulations, but, when we come to consider that we meet in a land of abundance and a country at peace with the world, our sense of gratitude can find no expression in language.

Our beloved Order is prosperous in our own Grand Jurisdiction, as well as throughout the world. Its gentle lessons and genial manifestations are more and more exerting a salutary influence in all our social relations, political confusions and civil reforms. This influence steals into these several departments of human government, not because it is a principle in the original design of Masonry to interfere with or give direction to the affairs of these several departments,

or because it intentionally aims at such ends and effects, but in obedience to a law of necessity governing the nature and fitness of human action, and intellectual results. It cannot be otherwise. Knowledge is as expansive as light. Its rays are diffused from the chambers of its sanctuary in luminous volumes of truth, and all who come within the circle of its halo must be imbued with its spirit, elevated by its inspiration, and illumined by its light, as well as those who in secret, mysteriously minister at its shrine and feed the sacred fires on its altars within the Holy of Holies.

When the great fundamental principles of moral truth and justice have been recognized and agreed upon as they are in our Order, men will compel the antagonisms in the details of human affairs to yield to them. When we have learned to subdue our passions, we go doubly armed into the great struggle of life. In the political field and social arena, thus prepared and appointed, our banner is charity, our implement conciliation. Under this banner of Peace, we go forth to conquer discord and to establish harmony in her dwelling places.

With that peculiar conservative education resulting from the sublime lessons of brotherly love, relief and truth, patient submission to law, fidelity to the government, and charity to all mankind which are inculcated in our Lodges, the members of our order go into our halls of legislation, our judicial tribunals, our pulpits and our political forums among the masses, and there, by their examples of moderation and their conservative dignity, which they have learned at our altars, they become models for others not of our Order to imitate. Thus the conciliating unction from our holy vessels reaches through these channels, the remotest ramifications of human institutions, while many of their immediate ministers suspect not their mysterious origin. Masonry, in this view, is beautiful. Unostentatiously reaching down benefits from its secret fountains of peace and divine truth, to every class and caste of the human family—giving liberal forms to principles of civil government—shaping,

to liberal ends and aims the fundamental truths of science and philosophy—giving liberal constructions to rules of strict justice—combining charitable principles with just necessities in national treaties and compacts of submission to violated faith and infractions of law—forgiving the penitent and humanely lenient to the evil-doer—interweaving all these beautiful attributes of truth and mercy so nicely into human institutions and human transactions that their true source is undiscovered by the beneficiaries.

Free Masonry, before the profane world, stands a veiled goddess. It is the eye of the initiated, the household of the faithful only, that beholds her as she is. It is he only that sees her in all her moral beauty; thus, unveiled, in the glory and sublimity of her moral nature, seen through the light of her own pure affections and practical philanthropy, we love to contemplate our time honored Order.

Brethren, much has been said, in current Masonic documents, upon the subject of the rapid increase of our Brotherhood. The opinion is a prevalent one that that increase is too rapid to warrant the prosperity and purity of our order in the future. Hence the constant cautions, from high places, to guard well the entrances to our temple; hence, the anxieties manifested in these cautions, lest, among the many who are seeking admission to our secret rites, some may find their way who are not worthy of the important trust. These cautions are never out of place, and these apprehensions are not without some foundation. Upon first thought, in view of our rapid increase in point of numbers, such a result would appear inevitable. Upon more deliberate reflection, however, less cause of fear exists, in point of fact than may, at first be apprehended.

Our order is one so universal in its design, fraught with so many benefits to mankind, charged with such high duties in conciliating and harmonizing the elements of conflict in the social, civil and religious relations of the age in which we live, that its enlargement, to an embrace of the whole human family becomes a paramount object, provided

the whole human family be found worthy. Our numbers cannot be too greatly augmented by worthy members.

Every good and worthy Mason, moved by impulses of humanity and stimulated by the lofty moral truths of our secret art, is ready to say, would that every living man were worthy to be a Mason—would that every man, being so worthy, were a Mason.

Among other duties imposed upon Masonry is that of the dissemination of its beautiful truths and its principles of eternal peace and good will among men. Our order, therefore, is not exclusive but universal in its true spirit and genius. In the discharge of this duty, the one great precautionary question, is he worthy? is the only one that ought to give us any concern. The design of Masonry is, that all are entitled to eat of the hidden manna who are worthy, provided they seek, through the legitimate channel, to be admitted to its sacred place. That all men are not worthy is not the fault of our institution; neither is it a fault of our institution that the unworthy have found their way into its sanctuary. We, with the rest of the human race have to lament that we cannot, any more than other human institution, correctly prejudge human nature. The hypocrite is found in the church, even at the foot of the Holy Altar, sometimes, even at the sacred desk; the coward is found in the field of battle, even in the very heat of the death struggle, and the unworthy Mason is found within our sacred and well guarded precincts, sometimes ministering in the place of light. The human mind, the human will and the human passions are arranged in such intricate order and such mysterious problems—so interwoven with light and darkness, beauty and deformity, vice and virtue, passion and benevolence, flowers and bitter fruits, that ordinary social intercourse, nay, even the most inquisitive scrutiny and ingenious investigation cannot enable the most astute and experienced student of human nature to form a just estimate of the true character of an individual. More intimate relations and associations in the family circle, the lodge or

the church, are necessary to unvail and disclose his true nature; often, alas! to our deep mortification regret and shame. Then we lament, in vain, that our peculiar institution cannot do for frial humanity, what all other institutions, both human and divine have failed to do—make a perfect man.

In view of these facts it will be seen that with the most jealous caution unworthy members will be found in every institution; and this must be the case while man remains imperfect.

In reasoning upon this subject we must not forget that there may be many other causes for the increase of our membership than that of a want of proper caution on our part. Among these may be mentioned the increase of the human family, the advancement of the liberal arts and sciences—the increase of institutions of learning, with their easy facilities of education—the development and progression of the science of civil government—the change of religion from the partizan hatred, fanaticism and intolerance of the Romanist and Mohammedan to that beautiful doctrine of peace and good will which permits every one to worship by the guide of his own conscience—the decline of bigotry and growth of philosophy in ethics—the untrammelled researches after truth and the radical penetrations of these researches—the capacity of men in general to form just estimates in morals—the expansion of reason and the elevation of man—the decline of vice and growth of virtue in the social relations—the whole enlargement, enlightenment, refinement and purification of the creature, man. These may well warrant the beleif, that, as we now find him, man will be zealously seeking at every fountain and every source of knowledge for truths yet undiscovered to add to his storehouse already rich with precious gems.

It will also be remembered that the good prevails in society as we now find it; for, we find it still rising to higher altitudes of moral development by force of its own inherent elements of good. Were it not so we would soon

note its downward tendency from the weight and burden of its own vice and incumbent elements of evil.

May we not, then, reasonably expect that a majority of the applicants for the benefits of Masonry are worthy to be accepted, and ought to be received? certainly, unless we draw the unwarrantable conclusion that these applications come, as a general rule, from the minority of the mass of society in which the evil prevails. Wisdom and virtue go hand in hand. It is not ignorance and vice that are seeking pure fountains of light and knowledge. It is wisdom and goodness that is ever penetrating to hidden recesses and profound arcana in the pursuit of a deeper knowledge and purer fountains of moral truth. Hence it is from these, wisdom and virtue, that our order may expect to be hailed with the call for light—more light, to illumine the path in pursuit of knowledge.

In commenting upon this subject most writers have been apt to draw their conclusions, and, hence, their apprehensions, from the number of admissions without respect to the number of rejections. They appear to have forgotten that, from the increased number of applications, we have now thousands to choose from where formerly we had but hundreds, and, that our admissions, therefore are not in an increased but, in fact, a decreased ratio of the number of applications. For example, in the year preceding January 1864, the whole number of applications in this Grand Jurisdiction was two thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight. In the year following the whole number of applications was five thousand and seventy-five, of the former of these number of applicants eight hundred and twenty-three, less than one-third of the whole number, were rejected; of the latter one thousand six hundred and thirty, more than one-third, nearly one-half of the whole number of applicants were rejected. These statistics will show, at least, that our increase in numbers is not commensurate with the increase of applications. It would seem, therefore that our subordinates are sufficiently cautious and discreet in this respect, and that

commendation of their action is appropriate and proper. Some lodges, it may be noticed, have rejected more than they have admitted during the last Masonic year reported.

It may not be improper to mention here some of these lodges with their action in this direction, as proper examples for the imitation of others, with the belief that such examples are better than any injunction of caution, with the belief also that the caution and discretion of these lodges deserves the commendation and approbation of this Grand Body:

Detroit Lodge No. 2, accepted twenty-nine, and rejected fifty-four applicants.

Rochester Lodge No. 5, accepted twenty, and rejected sixty applicants.

Battle Creek Lodge No. 12, accepted one, and rejected thirteen applicants.

Murat Lodge No. 14, accepted seven, and rejected twenty-two applicants.

Tyre Lodge No. 18, accepted twenty-six, and rejected thirty-two applicants.

St. Albans Lodge No. 20, accepted six, and rejected sixteen applicants.

Paw Paw Lodge No. 25, accepted nine, and rejected twenty-three applicants.

Besides many other lodges which rejected a majority of their applicants. To such no words of caution are necessary. This work carries with it the evidence of the application of the Plumb, Square and Level.

With these fruits before us it is apparent that our Order is prosperous in our Grand jurisdiction, and encourages the hope that its prosperity will reach into future generations, and that its blessings will be borne down with its prosperity to all future time.

While we may congratulate ourselves upon the present prosperity of our Order in this State, and its high hopes in the future, still the voice of sorrow and of mourning must mingle with our joyous congratulations. The dark

Angel of Death has again spread his wings over us, and has left desolate hearths and sorrowing hearts to mark his visitation. Among his victims were those most honored and beloved by our Order, and most distinguished and respected among their fellow men. It would appear that the fell destroyer awaits not to enquire touching the worldly positions, the honorable distinctions or the eminency of greatness accorded by mankind to those he singles out for the tomb; he is as indifferent to these as he is to the voice of anguish which marks his dark and desolate pathway. He awaits not, but, with cold and meagre finger numbers the hours and writes the doom of the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the noble and the ignoble, in the ranks of life as they pass. There is, however, a beautiful lesson of deep philosophy breathing a song of sweet consolation amid the desolation of the dark angel; it whispers of rest and refreshment in the celestial Lodge above in the ear of the just and upright Mason; to him it whispers of a palm of victory and a crown of glory. In the dark and trying hour of departure from earth, he hears the summons from on high borne on the breath of angels.

"Come to the land of peace;
Come where the tempest hath no longer sway;
The shadow passeth from the soul away;
The sounds of weeping cease."

On the 17th day of June last, our distinguished Brother and Past Grand Master of this State, Lewis Cass, departed this life in the City of Detroit. After a long life of useful devotion to his country's service in various capacities and offices and many months of severe physical suffering, this distinguished statesman was released from the cares and afflictions of earth, and summoned by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, to the Grand Lodge above.

Upon the decease of our departed Brother, I received a dispatch notifying me of that fact, from the acting Mayor of the City of Detroit, our Brother William Brodie. I at

once repaired to that city, opened the Grand Lodge, and took charge of the funeral ceremonies. These ceremonies were such as are due to a Past Grand Master of Free Masons, and with these funeral rites we committed the remains of our illustrious Brother to their last resting place. The occasion was one of impressive solemnity; the pageantry was such as had never before been witnessed in that city. In these funeral obsequies the civil departments of the County and City, as well as the Military Commands and various Benevolent Societies severally participated; but the immediate obsequies were entrusted to the Brethren of the Mystic Tie.

The character of General Cass combined many remarkable traits. As a private member of society he was distinguished for the purity of his morals and his circumspect conduct—the courteous, yet earnest simplicity of his manners—his amiable yet elegant social habits—his warm and disinterested friendship—his sincere devotion to the advancement of mankind in all those virtues which tend to palliate the stringency of social necessities, modify and regulate social conventionalities and elevate and give moral dignity to the human character. His literary attainments were high—his taste pure. In his intercourse with his fellow men he was amiable, polite and kind. In his sphere, as a private citizen he was a model.

There were, however, other positions in which he was placed by circumstances that were necessary to disclose the more marked features of his character and the higher faculties and capacities of his intellect. In the capacity of a pioneer and Governor of the Northwestern Territory, history pays the first tribute to him as a civilian and to the remarkable executive force of his great mind, as well as that abnegation which has, through his long life, stood as a prominent trait of the man. Here, on our own soil, in the strength and pride of his manhood, he toiled and struggled to lay the foundation of civilized society, and to permanently establish the elements of civil government.

To do this he made many personal sacrifices. What now constitutes our proud and populous State was then a vast wilderness almost unbroken by the hand of civilization. Here he consented to sacrifice and to forego the enjoyments and amenities of those social refinements of civilized life which his many accomplishments so eminently qualified him to enhance. Here he grappled with privations and sufferings. Here he exposed his life and health as, in his bark canoe, he navigated the blue waters of our beautiful straits, our winding rivers and our inland seas, or, upon his French pony, traversed our vast forests and prairies to establish friendly relations with the native wild man, and to assert the supremacy of civilization. Seen in this character, in the early history of our State, his abnegation commands a sympathy, his courage a respect, and his aspirations a homage which combine to draw around his name a purity and a moral influence almost amounting to a sanctity. Before him the painted Chieftain and his red braves, who had never before acknowledged any superiors, bowed their heads in deference and submission, buried the bloody tomahawk, extended the hand of friendship, sat down, side by side with him in the wigwam and smoked the pipe of peace. What a tribute to greatness! What an homage to intellectual exaltation and individuality!

It would be interesting to trace the history of our departed Brother from these passages in his early life, through many changes to the period at which he was called to a wider sphere of action in the service of his country. But this we must forego. The present occasion will not permit it. It is enough to say that he was called to fill some of the highest positions, and to discharge some of the most important and responsible functions of our National Government. As a statesman General Cass had but few equals and no superiors. In the Senate of the United States his wisdom was always invoked, and his judgment always deferred to by his contemporaries. With him the prosperity, the honor and the dignity of his country were paramount

aims. He was fair, open and independent in his political sentiments, and candid, earnest and lofty in his legislative measures. If they challenged opposition they commanded respect for the measure, and reverence for the man. As a political opponent, he was frank, courteous and dignified. In all his measures of State he was impressive. In them all could be seen an aim at national integrity or honor, or, the general elevation of the human family through the medium of civil government.

But it was in the capacity of a diplomatist that the character of our distinguished Brother demands our highest admiration. In the science of civil government the Monarchies of Europe could not produce his equal. In diplomacy he manifested his superiority over the cool and experienced Palmerston, and the adroit and disengenious Talleyrand. His firm and lofty integrity, and his pure and dignified independence were alike invulnerable to the forcible and exact sophistry of the one, and the deep cunning and polished insincerity and intrigue of the other.

After the leading European powers had entered into a deliberate treaty which assumed to regulate and to restrict the navigation of the high seas, General Cass, reflecting the sentiments of the people he represented, and embodying the strength, firmness and dignity of his nation, interposed his solemn protest against the provisions of that treaty, and the Courts of St. James and St. Cloud, as well as all the crowned heads of Europe, bowed in deference to the sovereignty of the American people. Our country was honored through our Minister—her supremacy acknowledged—her honor and dignity as a nation vindicated. At that juncture of circumstances, every American became involved in a high obligation of gratitude to General Cass. We may well point with national pride to that event in the international history or the civilized world as one which forever established the rights and rules of navigation upon equal prerogatives and equitable bases among the nations of the earth.

And this was the work of our departed Brother, who

once presided, as Grand Master, over the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Michigan. This was our Brother, Lewis Cass, who, long years ago, erected our sacred altar in the far off wilderness and startled the wild savage warrior with the sound of the gavel on our now populous peninsula. While in our National Councils the burning words of glowing eloquence dropped from the lips of our Clay and our Webster, embodying profound lessons of philosophical truth which were caught and treasured as gems of wisdom by the admiring literati and statesmen of foreign climes, our Cass stood at the proud Courts of the old world stern, noble, lofty, dignified, pure and just. He commanded the crowned heads to bow in deep respect and solemn deference to the moral dignity of the sovereign people of America. And with one accord the monarchs bowed their heads.

How great, how grand appears General Cass as the instrument of this great measure which decided the long-mooted issues involved between civilized nations—measures not only national but universal in their benefits! It is in this view that the character of General Cass commands our highest admiration.

General Cass was proud of the order of Free Masons. He was the first Grand Master of Masons in the State of Ohio. He continued to preside as the Grand Master of that State until he removed to Detroit. He was also the first Grand Master of Masons in the territory of Michigan. Up to the time of his departure from earth, he gave assurances of his attachment to the order and his veneration for its excellent principles. But General Cass is no more. His sun has set. He has accomplished his honorable mission. The ripened sheaf has been gathered, and in all the golden fullness of perfection garnered above. Many mourn his departure from among us—many who were not bound to him by ties of blood or kindred, by personal friendship, political relations or mystic bond; many, one might say, who had no right to mourn—no claim to weep, turned sadly

away, and dropped a tear as the mournful procession bore his remains towards the tomb. This tribute was due to his greatness and goodness.

Much credit is due to the lodges of the city of Detroit for the active manner in which they aided on the solemn occasion of General Cass' funeral, and the true Masonic spirit with which they anticipated and provided for the emergencies of the funeral ceremonies before it was possible for me to be personally present to take charge of the same.

I would recommend that a special committee be appointed to take this subject under consideration and to report appropriate preamble and resolutions expressive of the sense of this Grand Body upon this visitation and in commemoration of our departed brother.

I also announce the decease of our worthy and long cherished brother Seneca Caswell, Past Grand Tyler. Brother Caswell was one of the best of men and a true Mason. For many years he devoted himself to the interests of Masonry, its advancement and its honor. For many years he was a useful and a skillful working member of our Order, and for many years he held the office of Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge. Weary and worn, matured and ripened for a better world he has sheathed his sword and lain aside the proper implement of his office. Shattered and broken in his earthly tabernacle, he has lain down his weary head forever. Peace to his ashes. Honor to his memory. I recommend that the subject of this visitation be also referred to an appropriate committee.

On the second day of December, our venerable brother, Past Grand Master Levi Cook, departed this life in the city of Detroit. The name of this venerable man and highly esteemed brother is interwoven with the history of Masonry in this State from the beginning of that history to the present time. Almost every part of the superstructure of that history bears some memento of the wisdom of his counsels, the strength of his integrity and the beauty of

his moral life. He was ever at the post of duty with a willing heart, a strong arm and a skillful hand. His devotion to the mystic art, his experience in its arcana and his earnest activity in diffusing its light, made him, for many years, one of its principal supports in Michigan, while his genial nature, his amiable disposition and virtuous walk among men endeared him to all good men. The highest meed that can be measured out to mortal man, he had justly earned—an upright mason—a good man.

Although apprised of the departure of our brother in time for me to have attended his funeral, and to have conducted the solemn ceremonies of these last honors to departed worth, my professional pre-engagements were such as to render it impossible for me to attend.

I would recommend that a select committee be appointed to report appropriate preamble and resolutions upon this subject.

I have also to announce to you the decease of our worthy and much loved brother Reverend Sydney S. Brown, a Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge. He departed this life at Concord, in Jackson County, on the 24th day of August last. His warm heart, his genial nature and his deep devotion to masonry endeared him to every member of our Brotherhood who enjoyed a personal acquaintance with him. Brother Brown was a proper model as a just and upright Mason. Naturally energetic he manifested an unparalleled activity in the acquirement of Masonic knowledge; not limiting that knowledge to the ceremonial rites of the order but drinking deep of those sublime truths and moral excellencies which well up in the hidden recesses of the temple, and which are only to be attained by patient investigation and the constant practice of the moral virtues. He was called to refreshment in the midst of his activity and usefulness.

It is but proper that a committee be appointed to consider this subject and to make a suitable report thereon.

Many questions in Masonic jurisprudence and Masonic

usage have arisen, and have been presented for my decision during the last year. Most of these questions have been heretofore considered and passed upon by this Grand Lodge. Of such, no note has been made, as a second affirmation of those principals would be supererogation and an unnecessary encumbrance upon this Grand Body in the discharge of more important duties.

A few questions, however, which I considered novel in themselves, or such as involved principles which I considered as not having been clearly defined in former legislation, together with my rulings upon them, I have noted and reported for your consideration and opinion. They are as follows:

1st. Has the Senior Warden a right to call a special communication of the Lodge, open the same and proceed to work when the Worshipful Master is at home in the same village?

ANSWER. No.

2d. When a summons has been served upon a brother with a copy of charges for unmasonic conduct, and a copy of both left with the accused, is the seal of the Lodge necessary to be impressed on the copy of the summons in order to make the service a good and valid service?

ANSWER. The Lodge seal is not necessary to a copy of the summons. The copy is supposed to be made by the officer who serves the process, one who not having the custody of the seal could not attach it. It is well, always, to furnish the accused with a copy of the complaint and charges, and, if requested, with a copy of the citation or summons, but a copy of the latter is not necessary to a good service, for he must obey all summons if within his power, whether he be furnished with a copy or not.

3d. Can a man be made a Mason who had a hare lip, which, by a surgical process has been closed, but who cannot articulate so as to be understood except by those well acquainted with him?

ANSWER. No.

4th. What is the duty of the Master of a Lodge, when he learns, to his certain knowledge, that a candidate, after he has been elected, and before his initiation, is unworthy, and ought not to be admitted as a Mason?

ANSWER. His first duty is to refuse to initiate the candidate. His second, to inform the candidate in a courteous manner that he cannot be admitted. His third, to see that the fee accompanying his petition is returned to him in due season. As a general rule, the fee becomes the property of the Lodge upon the election of the candidate, but, as the candidate advances the fee with the expectation of receiving value therefor from the Lodge in return, and as the Lodge refuses to return such value as he expected, it is unjust to retain the fee; and, justice is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry. While justice nicely poises her balance and requires us to render unto every man his just due, charity requires us to receive no man's money for nought. His fourth, to see, in the future, that strict enquiry and due investigation into the character of candidates shall prevent a like necessity and save the Worshipful Master the discharge of a like unpleasant duty.

5th. Can a member of a Lodge be put upon trial before his Lodge upon charges of unlawful carnal intercourse with a female who is in no wise related to a Master Mason?

ANSWER. Yes. He who is guilty of a violation of the moral law or the statute law, is guilty of unmasonic conduct and ought to be disciplined therefor by his Lodge, although he may not be guilty of the violation of his most solemn engagements as a Master Mason. The engagements of a Master Mason in relation to a particular class of individuals, is by no means a license to committ adultery or fornication with those not of that particular class. Every Mason who is guilty of any immorality is guilty of unmasonic conduct.

6th. Is an Attorney-at-Law liable to Masonic punishment for giving legal advice against a brother Master

Mason, when he knows such brother is guilty of crime and entirely unworthy to be called a brother?

ANSWER. No. An Attorney's duty to his client is paramount. He must give him correct legal advice. I know of no rule of Masonic usage which prohibits a Mason being an Attorney-at-Law, from taking a fee and conducting a suit against a brother Master Mason. A Master Mason is not bound, in any instance, to protect or shield a brother in wrong, or dishonesty, more especially in crime.

I find that some of our Subordinate Lodges are a little careless in the adoption and amendment of By-Laws for their government, and I find that in some instances By-Laws are adopted subversive of the land marks of Masonry, and repugnant to the constitution of the Grand Lodge. I find in the By-Laws of one Lodge the following: * *

I find in another the following: * * * *

I recommend the reference of this subject to a proper committee, and suggest whether it would not be proper to adopt some legislative measure requiring all By-Laws and amendments thereto to be submitted annually to the committee on Masonic law.

I have granted five Dispensations for conferring the degree of E. A. In each case I was not only satisfied of the worthiness of the applicants, but that the emergencies were such as required this interposition for the benefit of the order.

I have granted thirty-two Dispensations for opening new Lodges. In all the applications for these, I looked solely to the welfare and propriety of Masonry, and the convenience of our brethren. The petitions were duly accompanied by the constitutional pre-requisites and certificates, and all except two, with the Constitutional fee. These two were from brethren at Lawton, in the County of Van Buren, and from brethren at Alpena, in the County of Alpena. It appears that the same petition had been presented to M. W. P. M. W. T. Mitchell in the year 1865, duly accompanied with the fee as required by the provisions of the Constitution

tion then governing this Grand Body and Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction; and it also appeared that in each case one of the certificates necessary to authorize the granting of a Dispensation was not furnished by the petitioners in time for my predecessor to grant the Dispensation during his administration.

Among the first business which came before me, upon entering upon my duties as Grand Master, was the consideration of these petitions, the one presented by the petitioners themselves, the other transferred from the preceding year over to me by the Grand Secretary. I considered it but just and equitable that these brethren ought to have Dispensations without any addition to the fee which they had paid over in the preceding year, inasmuch as they had fully complied, in this particular, with the then constitutional requirements; and, inasmuch as it was no fault of theirs that they did not receive their dispensation the previous year, having forwarded just at the close of the year the fee required, which, at first, was lacking. I would, therefore, recommend that charters be granted to these two Lodges, either under the provisions of the old constitution, or as if the provisions of the new constitution had been fully complied with in this respect by the petitioners.

It may be thought that the granting of so many Dispensations for opening new Lodges may be an unusual exercise of this peculiar power vested in the Grand Master. But as a part of the history of Masonry in our State, and in justification of my action, it is but proper I should submit for your consideration the following facts:

Many of these Dispensations were granted to brethren residing in the new Counties in the upper portion of this Peninsula. These new Counties are rapidly populating; flourishing villages are springing up along our lake coasts, and in the midst of our forests, and I find that from these we are hailed by the constitutional number of our brethren complaining that they are residing twenty, thirty, and forty miles from the sound of the gavel. It is but proper that

every facility should be extended to aid them in erecting the Masonic altar.

I find, also, in the more dense population of the southern and eastern portion of the State, that many villages exist in the same County, while there may be but one large Lodge in the County Seat, with its members scattered all over the County. Many members reside from ten to twenty miles from their Lodge. If they attend their Lodge, it is at an expense of two or three dollars per day, besides the loss of a day going to and from their Lodge; consequently, many members seldom attend, grow rusty and indifferent, and finally become drones in the hive. Masonry is neither honored or subserved by a large membership which is scattered over too wide a surface to be brought together without great pecuniary loss and personal sacrifice.

I have thought that as a measure of economy and convenience, Lodges cannot be too thick, provided there is a brotherhood sufficient to sustain each one. In the County of St. Joseph there are eight Lodges, with each a membership of from sixty to one hundred and ten. In large jurisdictions applicants are constantly knocking for admission who are entire strangers to a majority of the members of the Lodge, and the Lodge is obliged to rely for information upon a few brethren at a remote distance in determining their qualifications for admission. Smaller jurisdictions relieve the Lodges from this inconvenience, not to say hazard.

The consideration of these facts, to some extent governed me in considering applications for Dispensations when every other requirement of the constitution and the usages of Masonry concurred favorably for granting the prayer of the petitioners.

These petitions for new Lodges, with the accompanying documents, are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and will become the subjects of your consideration and action.

In the month of February last I received the following communication from Brothers S. Pool, E. Grissom, and W.

B. Smith, a Committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 10, 1866.

DEAR BROTHER:—We desire to call your attention to the following resolutions adopted at the late regular communication of the M. W. G. Lodge of North Carolina, convened in the city of Raleigh on the 4th of December, 1865:

Resolved, 1st. That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina endorse and recommend to the favorable action of the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, and to all other Grand and subordinate Lodges throughout the United States, the following plan for the endowment of a great central

NATIONAL MASONIC UNIVERSITY:

1. Let contributions to the amount \$1,000,000, more or less, be made by Masonic Lodges, or individual members of the Fraternity. Let these contributions consist in cash, or bonds not payable until at least one-fourth the above sum shall have been secured.

2. When the sum of \$250,000 shall have been thus secured, the plan to be considered a success, and a convention called composed of one representative for each \$1,000, this representative to be named by the contributor. Let this convention be empowered to locate the Institution as nearly in the centre of the United States as expedient, to purchase the land, and to take all other steps necessary for the speedy erection of suitable buildings.

3. When a sufficient number of buildings shall have been completed, let a second convention be called, composed as before, who shall elect a Board of Trustees, justly distributed through the several States; and take such other steps as may seem necessary to found and organize an Institution in which facilities shall be afforded for a thorough University education.

4. Allow contributors the privilege of either perpetually keeping one student at the University, free of tuition fees for every \$1,000 contributed by them, or of annually receiving their proportional share of the income not otherwise appropriated for the good of the Institution.

Resolved 2d. That the Most Worshipful Grand Master appoint a committee of three to bring this subject directly before such Most Worshipful Grand Lodges in the United States and subordinate Worshipful Lodges as may be practicable, for the purpose of obtaining their aid and co-operation; and to report at the next regular communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina; and that this committee be charged with the further duty of calling the former of the conventions named in the foregoing plan, and of fixing the time and place of its meeting."

We deem it unnecessary to argue the good likely to result from the success of the plan set forth above. Its utility and grandeur will be readily perceived. Though the contribution of a few dollars by each member of the Fraternity will be sufficient to ensure success, yet it is hoped that many wealthy Masons will step forward and invest capital under the fourth proposition.

We believe that such an Institution may not only be the pride and glory of our Order and our country, and a blessing to generations yet unborn, but that, from the intimate union between Ancient Craft Masonry and Science, so well understood by every Fellow Craft, it is peculiarly proper that our Order should have some great central sun for the diffusion of intellectual light and knowledge. It is further believed that such an Institution would serve as a bond of national union and harmony by bringing brethren North and South into a community of educational interest and more frequent and direct Masonic intercourse.

Be pleased to bring this subject before the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of your State for action at its next communication, and at once before such subordinate Worshipful Lodges as you may find it convenient to communicate with, being particular to request prompt responses, at least so far as to obtain expressions of opinion of the proposition and the disposition to take early and practical steps in the enterprise.

Begging that you will report to the undersigned, at the very earliest practicable moment, all the information you may obtain upon the subject,

We are, Sir,

Very Respectfully and Fraternally,

Your Obedient Servants,

S. POOL, Chapel Hill,

E. GRISSOM, Raleigh, N. C.

WM. B. SMITH, Raleigh, N. C.

Committee.

I would recommend that this communication, and the subject thereof, be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report thereon at this Grand Communication.

In the month of August I received the following communication from M. W. Timothy J. Murray, Grand Master of the State of Maine, which I recommend to be referred to a Select Committee:

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

PORTLAND, August 1, 1886.

M. W. S. C. Coffinbury, Grand Master of Masons, Michigan:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Many inquiries having been made, and much sympathy expressed, by brethren in our own and other jurisdictions, in relation to the late disastrous conflagration in this city, I

have deemed it proper to issue the following statement and suggestions in reference thereto.

It is generally known that the fire was one of the most extensive and devastating ever known in our country, and by this sad calamity our Masonic organizations have suffered severely. Our Masonic Halls were destroyed with all their contents, except the Charters, and a part of the Jewels. The apartments were occupied by three Lodges, two R. A. Chapters, Council R. and S. M., two Commanderies K. T., Lodge of Perfection, Council Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Consistory S. P. R. S. On the property owned by the various bodies there was partial insurance, and as soon as apartments can be obtained, most of them will take measures to go to work, with new furniture and apparatus. It may also be said that all these bodies have some funds on hand, and will not, at least for the present, make any appeal to their brethren for aid as organizations.

The Records of the Grand Bodies, having been in another building, were all saved,—as also the Regalia, Library, Proceedings, and all the old documents of the Grand Lodge. The principal part of the Regalia of the Grand Chapter, all the property of the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery, and Photographs of all the P. G. Masters of the Grand Lodge, were destroyed in Masonic Hall.

Thus we are deprived of a Masonic home, and many sacred mementoes of the past, dear to our hearts, are lost beyond recovery. Still we are not discouraged, and shall continue to labor as in the past, for the honor of our noble Institution, and for the welfare and happiness of our destitute brethren, made so by the late terrible affliction.

From this latter source comes our most serious difficulty. Previous to the fire, many of our brethren had comfortable homes, and of their own, with what was supposed to be good insurance. Among these were quite a large number of *aged* brethren. These are now without permanent shelter, and in consequence of unfortunate insurance, without the means to renew their homesteads. Add to this, in almost every instance these families not only lost their buildings, but also their furniture and wearing apparel.

Our fraternity are doing all in their power for these brethren, and will continue to labor for them so long as the necessity may exist. It is not however for a few days or weeks that this work must be performed, but for many months to come, and especially during the dreary and uncomfortable days of the winter before us.

The task is a severe one, and we desire to perform it well; for we feel if any of our brethren deserve well at our hands, it is these unfortunate ones of our own household, and present with us. Each of the three Lodges has a Committee to attend to all cases that may need assistance—and several sums of money from abroad, have been sent to myself and other brethren for distribution.

While we feel that we ought to do all in our power in this

emergency, and not to call upon the fraternity abroad for aid, we are frank to say, that in view of the severity of the case, and the great length of time we are likely to have this work in charge, we shall most gratefully receive any contributions from brethren or organizations that may desire to aid us in the discharge of this weighty responsibility.

I am prompted to write this much in view of the spontaneous expressions of sympathy and kind feelings from several different sections, and hope every brother to whom this comes will consider it as sent forth in response to what is believed to be a strong desire on the part of the good brethren of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Brethren, or Masonic organizations, intending to send funds for above purpose, can forward to M. W. Josiah H. Drummond, P. G. M.—M. W. William P. Preble, P. G. M.—or to myself; and all such remittances will be faithfully disposed of as directed.

I am respectfully and fraternally,

Yours in the bonds of B. L., R. and T.

TIMOTHY J. MURRAY.

Shortly after the close of the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, the newly chartered Lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed agreeably to Masonic usage, by Worthy Masters and Past Masters acting as my proxies under authorizations issued by me to them respectively for those purposes. All these new lodges are flourishing and prosperous so far as I can learn. I take this opportunity of returning my thanks to those worthy Brothers who acted as my proxies in these duties of constituting these new Lodges and installing the officers, for the faithful discharge of their duty and their prompt report to me of their doings respectively.

On the 12th of September, at the request of Star of the Lake Lodge, No. 153, I visited South Haven, in the county of Van Buren, opened the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of Brethren who were present, I dedicated the Hall of that Lodge in pursuance of the usages and customs of Masons. The ceremony of dedication was public and attended by a numerous concourse of people, besides a large assemblage of Brethren. I find at South Haven a well governed and most flourishing Lodge. The enterprise of the Lodge

manifests itself, not only in the erection and ownership of their fine large Hall, but in the intelligence, dignity, sobriety and hospitality of the Brethren.

On the 27th of December, at the request of LaFayette Lodge, No. 16, at Jonesville, I visited that Lodge and dedicated its new Hall. Much credit is due to the worthy and enterprising Brethren of Jonesville. It will be remembered that a few months ago the Hall of that Lodge, with all its appendages, jewels and properties was consumed by fire. This was a great loss to the Lodge and a great discouragement to its members. The Hall had been erected at a considerable expense but a short time before it was lain in ruins. But the Phoenix has arisen from its ashes. Upon the very spot where the old Hall was consumed, our Brethren of Jonesville have erected a new Hall at an expense of seven thousand dollars, and as a just commendation, I give it as my opinion that for chasteness of architecture, purity of style and perfection of appointments, it has no superior in the State. The example of our Brethren of LaFayette Lodge is worthy of imitation.

The policy of directly taxing the members of a Lodge, was fairly tested in the erection of this new Hall. A direct assessment was levied upon the members of the Lodge as a means of raising a portion of the building fund, which was successful in its operation; the members like true men and Masons, cheerfully paying their respective assessments, with a single exception; and now they have the pleasure of turning to their new edifice with pride and saying, this is our work. Long may it stand, and long may the sacred fires of our Order send up their incense from its altar. I cannot close this subject without saying that this Grand Lodge may well be proud of LaFayette Lodge No. 16.

Brethren, permit me to suggest for your consideration the subject of a permanent Hall or place for the Communications of this Grand Body. Our funds are rapidly increasing in our treasury, while real estate and expense of building are as rapidly advancing. Upon this subject I

fully concur with the opinions of P. G. M. W. T. Mitchell, as expressed in his Annual Address before this Grand Lodge at its last Communication.

It may be, at this particular time, premature to take immediate measures for the erection of a Temple by this Grand Body; yet, it is not too early, perhaps, to take the preliminary steps towards that object by an investment of our funds with a view to their scrupulous preservation and possible increase, so as to hasten the desired object. Nothing could better subserve the designs of our Institution than the ownership of a building in one of our large and flourishing cities, which, while it furnished a place for the meetings of this Grand Lodge, would also, from the rents of other portions of the building, pour into our treasury an annual revenue to be applied to the loftier and more philanthropic objects of Masonry. In the midst of our prosperity these ought not to be forgotten. Orphan Homes, Asylums, and Libraries are peculiarly within the range of Masonic patronage, and we labor in vain upon our moral superstructure unless the whole family of man, in some degree, become the beneficiaries of our labor.

Brethren, at the present juncture of events in our Country, it may be considered that our order stands in a most responsible position. A war has terminated leaving many of the ties and bonds which once united the people dissevered and broken. There is no power, or effort of power which can exert so successful an effort in re-uniting these ties and bonds as the offices and influences of Masonry. We are not politicians. The political issues which have separated and still in a measure separate the North and the South, we ignore. With these, as Masons, we have nothing to do. All we can see as our duty in this most interesting crisis of our common Country, is the humanitarian duty of diffusing brotherly love, peace, and harmony, and a restoration of our union to its former strength and integrity. It is our duty, by this means, to give strength, where political issues weaken the bonds. The offices of

Masonry are fraught with harmony and peace; political questions and their discussion harrass the mind, create discord and arouse animosities. It is our duty to pour in oil and wine to soothe the rankling heart-aches of a disappointed, a conquered, and a submissive people.

If they have been in the fault, a re-opening of the wounds by retrospections will but keep alive the animosities and widen the breach which separates us, thus defeating the great object, an affectionate re-union, upon which, alone, can a political re-union be successfully founded. To re-establish these bonds of affection rests with the order of Freemasonry, North and South, and, if through this element they cannot be re-established, then is our confederacy forever broken, for the tendency of every other effort is to fan the fires of discord between us.

But you ask what can Masonry do? It can, in the true spirit and genius of its original design and its sublime lessons, forgive the past where it sees a fault—it can in the superabundance of its charity sympathise with our unfortunate brethren of the South—it can mourn with them over their devastated plantations, their razed mansions, and the smoking ruins of their cities and villages—it can drop the tear with them over their bloody battle fields, and the graves of their sires, their sons and their brethren, albeit they fell in arms against the North. This last, it is human to remember, but not to cherish, is Masonic. To forget it is noble—to forgive it is divine. Perhaps if in the pure spirit of Masonry, we were to put ourselves under the same stringent rule of accusation and condemnation, to which we subject others, we might, in many respects, become supplicants for forgiveness. Have we all so far, satisfied our own consciences, individually, as to enable us to look up to the throne of God with confidence and with hope of forgiveness and say, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us?” Then let us not reprehend too severely our brethren of the South. It will be remembered that they acted doubtless according to

the convictions of their consciences, not ours, and, that although that action was in open opposition to our national government, they justify themselves, or attempt at least to do so, by the argument that it was their Masonic duty to submit with patience to the government under which they lived, although that government was but a government *de facto*.

The object in alluding to this subject at this time is simply to impress upon Masons their duty, in the broad, the liberal and the charitable exercise of the Masonic virtues towards our brethren in the South, with a view of conciliating friendship, establishing harmony and confidence between us, and thereby a perfect and a complete restoration of fraternal relations, which may lead in the end to a harmonious political re-union. The former of these are the elements of the latter, and without them the latter can never take place.

But how are we to cultivate these harmonious relations? What facilities are presented in circumstances? We rarely meet and by what means are we to open with strangers that intercourse which is to lead to these happy ends? Should we meet let us avoid those subjects upon which, it is well known we will disagree and dwell upon those only upon which we cannot disagree. Let us look around us and we may find the means and facilities in our very households. Almost every one of our soldiers have brought home from the South their respective trophies. Let us gather these and return them to their proper owners. Even though they were lawful spoils according to the iron rule of war, many of them are of so interesting, nay, even sacred a character that there is an inhumanity in retaining them, while their return opens those avenues to the heart and its affections through which the sweet waters of gratitude flow and inspire the soul with a faith and a confidence that lead to the harmonies and amenities which it is the office of Masonry to cultivate, and which, as we have remarked, is a paramount object in restoring our political union. I could note many instances of this kind which have fallen

under my own observation. One soldier brought home a costly cottage Bible, containing the family register of a distinguished Southern family. It was purchased by a Brother Mason, and after much difficulty in finding the members of the scattered family was restored to them. Another had a group of photographic portraits which were likewise bought and restored. These drew out of the beneficiaries letters of most affectionate gratitude and the establishment of the most pure and perfect friendship between the parties interested.

Permit me to ask your indulgence, my Brethren, while I relate a circumstance, the delicacy of which touched my feelings deeply.

In the house of a friend and worthy Brother, in Goshen, in the State of Indiana, my attention was directed to two elegantly bound volumes and two large French vases of elaborately cut flint glass. These vases were of great value, being from twenty-five to thirty inches in height. My friend said that he felt unpleasantly every time he saw them, and informed me that they were sent to him as trophies of war by his nephew, who was a Lieutenant of a Company of Volunteers from Indiana. He informed me that his nephew had saved these valuable articles at the razing of a mansion of a rebel officer, near Baton Rouge, in the State of Louisiana, and that his nephew was killed in battle a few days after having forwarded them to him. My friend informed me that he was very anxious to return them to their proper owner if living, and, if not, to any surviving member of his family. He had, however, no trace of their former ownership. He requested me to take some measures to find the owner, or some member of his family, and to bring about a restoration of the articles in question.

I immediately addressed a letter "to the Master of any Lodge of Masons in Baton Rouge," giving a history of the circumstances, expressing a wish to return the articles, and instituting inquiries for their owners. My letter was soon answered by Brother James Asher, W. M. of St. James Lodge, No. 47. He informed me that the articles in question were relics, that had long been cherished in a distinguished

family, and that they were all that remained of a once princely mansion, that was now leveled and scattered. The articles were duly returned to their proper owner. But what touched me most deeply in the interesting correspondence with Brother Asher, was the following, which I extract from one of his letters to me:

“Please inform Brother S——, that recently while visiting the (so-called) old American grave yard, I found the grave of his nephew, with a tomb stone bearing the following inscription, ‘Charles C. Seely, First Lieutenant, Company A, 21st Indiana Volunteers, killed in action, August 5th, 1862.’ ‘Honor to whom honor is due,’ and those of the Adjutant of his regiment, a Sergeant of his company, and another officer. These graves require some attention which I will cheerfully give from time to time, if Brother S—— will by letter authorize me to do so; for, as the work was done by United States authorities, it may require a written authorization and consent of the commanding officer here.”

Here we find one of our Southern Brethren standing sentinel over the ashes of the honored dead, although the deceased came as a stranger and enemy to the spot where those honored ashes lie. How beautiful, how delicate, how affectionate! What higher testimonial can Masons ask than this of the effect produced by its kind offices? Where is there a Brother who is not anxious to participate in this work of Brotherly love and harmony?

This duty Free Masons owe to their time honored Order, and to humanity—this high, this holy mission they owe to mankind, to dry the widow's tears, to protect the fatherless. In the discharge of this duty Masons know no North, no South, no East, no West. The limitations of our humanity are universal—from East to West, between North and South. In the exercise of this unlimited charity and philanthropy, so far from it being one of our duties to enquire into the antecedents or errors of the subjects of its application, it is our duty to ignore them. The fact that our sons, our brothers, or our fathers fell gloriously on the bloody field of Chattanooga or of

Gettysburg, is no reason why the widow of Alabama should still bow her head and weep, ignorant of the fate of her husband imprisoned in Camp Douglass; or why the orphan of Georgia should make a pilgrimage in vain to the islands of Lake Erie to learn the fate of his sire. They may cry in vain to history "where is my husband! where is my father?" History will not tell—her lips are silent in relation to these touching incidents of the great war of the rebellion. She makes no note of these little incidents which have had but little influence on the great result, but which in truth are the master strokes of the Death Angel and the Demon of Devastation, which tears out the heart of affection and casts it all bleeding into the dust and tramples it under foot. It is only Free Masonry that will ever reply to these piteous cries. Free Masonry, in the spirit of peace and good will, through its mystic telegraph, will whisper Fort Sumter into the ear of the widow who mingles her lamentations with the deep tones of Niagara, and say "your husband lies buried on the Southern sea shore." And it will whisper back from Chicago to the orphan of New Orleans, "the ashes of your sire mingle with the sands of Lake Michigan." These are the offices that Masonry can do. Our Southren brother will find where the Northren hero fell, and he will mark the spot. He will gather up the sacred ashes of the honored dead, and he will send them home; we will receive these ashes, moisten them with a tear and bless our Southern Brother of the Mystic Tie.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1, of Article IV, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which defines the powers and duties of the Grand Master, I appointed our worthy brother Thomas U. Flanner, of Hancock, District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula. I am happy to say that in every respect that Brother has proved worthy of the trust, and has discharged the duties imposed upon him by the Constitution in a peculiarly able manner. I think commendation of his official action is due to him from this Grand Lodge. I am informed by him that he cannot be present at this Communication. He has, however,

forwarded to me a report of his official doings, which I will take pleasure in presenting for your consideration, and recommend that the subjects contained in his report may receive your sanction. I most cordially endorse his decision of the question on Masonic law submitted for his consideration, and hope it may meet your approval.

I recommend that the report of our District Deputy Grand Master be referred to an appropriate Committee, and that it be published with our printed Proceedings.

At the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, a Committee of three was appointed consisting of Rev. Brother Corson, Eldridge, and myself, for the purpose of presenting a proper funeral ritual. That Committee will in proper time present a report, and it will become your duty to consider and pass upon the same. This subject, I trust, will claim your calm and deliberate judgment, for the form of the funeral service has varied in different parts of our jurisdiction, and none of the forms, with or without their several variations have been satisfactory, or such as a high and pure literary taste might demand. I hope you will settle upon and establish a definite form for those solemn duties, upon receiving the report of your Committee, and that such ritual as you may approve may become uniform throughout our grand jurisdiction as a part of our *exoteric* work.

Brethern, by your suffrages I was placed at the head of this Grand Body as its presiding officer. I have endeavored to discharge my duty as such. In this endeavor I have kept the dignity of the Grand Lodge, the honor and prosperity of Masonry, and justice and humanity constantly in view. To discharge the duty of the presiding head of this Grand Lodge involves a good deal of labor and pressing responsibilities; although those labors are onerous in their nature, and although those responsibilities subject those who assume them to many delicate and trying positions, still the whole duties of the office are deeply interesting, and constantly opening to the mind of those who perform them, new phases in human character, a higher comprehension and appreciation of human virtue and

purser aspirations of the human mind; and these point up to loftier altitudes of human attainment. If I have so discharged my duties as to secure your approbation, I will feel assured that I have not done wrong, and will feel proud.

Permit me, Brethren, to employ this occasion to tender my thanks to the grand officers of this Grand Body whose prompt and ready aid, has at all times been at my command. To each and all of them I am most thankful.

In conclusion, Brethren, permit me to urge upon you the study of Masonry as a moral science. Study its history, its landmarks, its equities and its moral truths. As I have before remarked, Freemasonry is assuming an important and a most responsible position in human Government, by regulating and giving tone to all the social relations, and thereby incidentally shaping and modifying civil and political institutions; hence, every member of our order ought to be skilled, not only in our mystic rites and ceremonies, but in those great and fundamental principles of morality and justice upon which all human institutions are or ought to be founded. Our Country is teeming with Masonic books, libraries, and elaborate treatises upon the moral principles of our Order, by the ablest sages and moralists of the age. Monthly and weekly periodicals, under Masonic auspices, come to us laden with knowledge upon almost every branch of the mystic art, and it may well be said that the brother who is not well informed in the higher mysteries and loftier principles of Masonry is wilfully blind. It is well to be skilled in our ritual, tokens, and signs, but he, only, is the true Mason who feels within his bosom the deep fountains of humanity gushing and thrilling with divine emotion as in one universal view he embraces mankind and human necessities.

It is well to feel the mystic bond which binds us to each other as brethren of the same order, but, he, only is the true Mason who feels within his heart the same golden tie mystically drawing him in love, sympathy and holy fraternity towards all his fellow creatures. Practice charity my brethren. Let its sweet waters well up from the pure fountains of the

soul as a manifestation of its universal love. Duty may whip its disciples into a show of charity, a mockery of benevolence, but that, only, is Charity and humanity which bathes its votaries in tears of sympathy without show or pretension, as well as its objects in tears of thankfulness without the display of hypocrisy.

S. C. COFFINBURY.

On motion of W. L. Greenly, P. G. M., a Committee of three was appointed to divide the Address of the M. W. Grand Master and refer the several subjects to appropriate Committees.

Bros. W. L. Greenly, P. G. M., D. R. Stroud and Philo Clark, were appointed such Committee.

The Special Committee appointed last year, to whom was referred the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, to adopt a uniform Burial Service, presented the following, which was accepted and made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

BURIAL SERVICE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, charged with the duty of laying before this Grand Body a Burial Service, for the uniform use of all the Lodges within this jurisdiction, most respectfully report, that they have, to the best of their judgment, performed the extremely delicate task assigned them, by compiling and arranging what seems to them a suitable office for the burial of the dead. They trust it will meet the approbation of this Grand Body. They do not recommend any preliminary service to be read at the Lodge-room; but, that, after the Lodge has been opened in the Third Degree of Masonry, and the usual preliminaries are gone through with, a Marshal and Pall-bearers are appointed, a procession formed in the usual order, and proceeded to the residence of the deceased Brother, when the following service shall be read by the Worshipful Master or Chaplain:

SERVICES AT THE HOUSE OF THE DECEASED.

W. M.—O Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

Bros.—Before the mountains were brought forth, and ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end.

W. M.—Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, come again, ye children of men.

Bros.—For a thousand years are in thy sight but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

W. M.—As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as sheep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

Bros.—In the morning it is green and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

W. M.—For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Bros.—Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

W. M.—For when thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end as if it were a tale that is told.

Bros.—The days of our years are three score years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to four score years, yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away and we are gone.

W. M.—But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

Bros.—So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

W. M.—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good will towards men!

Bros.—So mote it be, now, henceforth and forever!

The Worshipful Master or Chaplain then says, LET US PRAY.

Almighty Father of the Universe, before whom all created intelligences should bow in humble adoration, enable us Thy needy creatures to approach Thee in this hour of affliction with the reverential awe that is due from a creature to the creator. Look with pity and compassion, we beseech Thee, upon the sorrows and afflictions of the relatives and friends of the deceased. It has seemed good to Thy unerring wisdom to afflict them by the death of our Brother whose remains are now before us. Comfort them, O! Our Father, with a sense of Thy goodness. Lift up upon them the light of Thy countenance and give them peace. May they be disposed to say from the depths of their hearts, the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord. And, O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, make

us all, we humbly beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life. May the impressive scene now before us, induce us to be wise while we may, and to prepare for our own speedy departure to that undiscovered land from whose bourn no traveler returns. These things, and whatever else Thou shalt see necessary for us and for these our bereaved friends, we humbly ask in the name and through the mediation of Our Great and Glorious Redeemer, the Lion of the tribe of Judah—AMEN.

On arriving at the place of interment, the Worshipful Master takes his place at the head of the grave, the Senior Warden at the foot, and the Junior Warden at the south side—the friends of the deceased standing behind the Senior Warden and the Brethren encircling the whole, when the services is resumed.

The Worshipful Master or Chaplain, says:

It has been an immemorial custom among Masons, on the death of a Brother, provided he made the request while living, to accompany his remains to the place of interment, and to commit them to the grave with solemn ceremonies. In conformity of this usage, at the special request of our deceased Brother, we have assembled this day in the character of Masons, to consign his body to the earth whence it came, and to commend his spirit to God who gave it.

The Great Creator having been pleased, of His mercy, to remove our Brother from the cares and sorrows of this transitory world, to a state of endless duration, may we who survive him anticipate our approaching dissolution and wisely employ the brief space of time that may be allotted to us, in reducing to practice the principles of our Order, and in making that general preparation for entering that eternal and unchangable state of existence which is the destiny of all men!

And obdurate must be our hearts if they are unmoved by the scene of mortality before us. We here view a striking instance of the uncertainty and vanity of all earthly hopes and pursuits. The last offices paid to the dead ever afford useful lessons to the living; they most solemnly admonish us to prepare for our approaching dissolution.

And yet, how sad it is to think, that notwithstanding the various mementoes of mortality which we daily meet; notwithstanding death has established his empire over all the works of nature, through some unaccountable infatuation we forget that we are born to die; we go on from one design to another, adding hope to hope, and laying out plans for the future, till we are suddenly cut down by the hand of death, when we least expect it.

What are all the externals of high position, the pride of wealth, or the charms of beauty, when the debt of nature has been paid?

In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks leveled, all distinctions done away.

While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our departed Brother, let us cast the mantle of charity over his faults, foibles and errors, whatever they may have been, and not withhold from his memory the praise that his virtues may have claimed. His faults were human. Absolute perfection belongs only to the Almighty; the wisest and the best of men in all ages have erred.

Let the present instance of mortality excite in us serious thoughts, and strengthen our resolutions of amendment. Since life is uncertain, and all earthly pursuits are vain, let us not postpone preparation for an eternal scene, but wisely use the present moment to provide against the great change, when all the pleasures of this world shall cease to delight, and the consciousness of a pure and virtuous life shall yield us the only true comfort and consolation. Thus shall we not be hurried unprepared into the presence of that Omniscient Judge to whom the secrets of all hearts are known.

Then the coffin is lowered into the grave, and a solemn funeral dirge is sung. The apron, having been previously taken from the coffin and handed to the Worshipful Master, he raises it in his hand and says:

The lamb-skin or white leather apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, more ancient than the golden fleece or Roman eagle, and when worthily worn, more honorable than the star and garter. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased Brother.

Then he drops it into the grave.

By this we are reminded of the universal dominion of death.

The Worshipful Master then holding a sprig of evergreen in his hand, says:

This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul.

He drops it into the grave.

Alas! my Brother!

The Brethren then march around the grave, and when each passes the head of the grave, he drops in a sprig of evergreen, and exclaims,

Alas! my Brother!

The funeral grand honors are then given three times, at the last time the Worshipful Master exclaiming:

We cherish his memory here; we commend his spirit to God who gave it, and we commit his body to the ground — Earth to earth!

The Senior Warden saying,

Ashes to ashes!

And the Junior Warden saying,

Dust to dust!

The Worshipful Master resuming says:

Looking for the general resurrection at the last day, and the life of the world to come.

The Worshipful Master or Chaplain then says, LET US PRAY:

O Almighty and Eternal God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, and before whom all men must ere long appear in judgment, and give an account of all the deeds done in the body; we, who are daily exposed to the shafts of death, and now surround the grave of our fallen Brother, most earnestly beseech Thee to impress deeply upon our minds the solemnities of this day, as well as the sad event that has occasioned them. May we have Thy divine assistance, O Merciful Father, to redeem our misspent time; and in the discharge of the important duties Thou hast assigned us in the erection of our moral edifice; may we have *wisdom* from on high to direct us, *strength* commensurate with our need to support us, and the *beauty* of holiness to adorn and to render all our works commendable in Thy sight; and when our work is done, and our bodies are mingled with the *mother earth*, may our souls, disengaged from their cumbrous dust flourish and bloom in eternal day; and enjoy that rest, which Thou hast prepared for all good and faithful servants in that spiritual house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. We ask this for the Redeemer's sake — **AMEN.**

Here ends the service.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

LEVI H. CORSON,
S. C. COFFINBURY,

Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. Grand Master for division and reference,

then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for division and reference, respectfully report and recommend :

1. That so much of it relating to the death of Past Grand Master General Lewis Cass, be referred to a Special Committee of three.
2. The portion relating to the death of Past Grand Master Levi Cook, be referred to a Special Committee of three.
3. The portion relating to the death of Rev. S. S. Brown, Past Grand Chaplain, be referred to a Special Committee of three.
4. The portion relating to the death of Seneca Caswell, Past Grand Steward and Tyler, be referred to a Special Committee of three.
5. The portion relating to Dispensations be referred to the Standing Committee on Examination.
6. The portion relating to questions and decisions on Masonic Law, be referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.
7. The Circular Letter from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, be referred to a Special Committee of three.
8. The Circular letter from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to the conflagration at Portland, to a Special Committee of three.
9. The subject of a Masonic Building, to a Special Committee of three.
10. The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula, to the Standing Committee on Examination.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. L. GREENLY,
D. R. STROUD,
PHILO CLARK,

Committee

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then appointed the following Committees in pursuance of the above, to wit :

1. *On the Death of General Lewis Cass, P. G. M.—*

Bros. J. Eastman Johnson, P. G. M.; W. L. Mitchell, P. G. M.; and Lovel Moore, P. G. M.

2. *On the Death of Levi Cook, P. G. M.*—Bros. W. L. Mitchell, P. G. M.; George C. Monro, P. G. M.; and W. L. Greenly, P. G. M.

3. *On the Death of Rev. S. S. Brown, Past Grand Chaplain*—Bros. Rev. L. H. Corson, Rev. D. B. Tracy, and Rev. J. Boynton.

4. *On the Death of Seneca Caswell, P. G. S. and T.*—Bros. John P. Fiske, B. Coggs hall, and H. A. Tillotson.

7. *The Circular Letter from North Carolina*—Bros. W. L. Greenly, O. Eaton, and J. W. Sheldon.

8. *The Circular Letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maine*—Bros. R. P. Easton, E. H. Glenn, and J. W. Mandigo.

9. *The subject of a Masonic Building*—Bros. W. H. Pinckney, J. P. Fiske, and R. W. Landon.

On motion of Bro. Czar Jones, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that pursuant to Section 2, of Article I, of the Constitution, all Past Masters of Subordinate Lodges, who are in good standing, are entitled to all the rights of membership in this Grand Lodge, except the right to vote.

On motion of Bro. Czar Jones, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, which has been presented, and a copy been forwarded to the Worshipful Master of each of the Lodges under this jurisdiction on the fifth day of November last, be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Bro. Hon. W. L. Greenly, P. G. M., presented the appeal of Bro. William Eason from the action of Greenly

Lodge No. 103, in his case, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary then presented their annual accounts, which were accepted and referred to the Standing Committee on Accounts.

R. W. LANDON, *Grand Treasurer, in account with*

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

1866.	DR.	
Jan. 13.	To balance on hand,	\$4474 45
Mar. 10.	To received from Grand Secretary,	6532 75
May 12.	To received from Grand Secretary,	200 00
May 25.	To received from Grand Secretary,	50 00
May 31.	To received from Grand Secretary,	61 75
Sept. 17.	To received from Grand Secretary,	100 00
Oct. 2.	To received from Grand Secretary,	200 00
Oct. 24.	To received from Grand Secretary,	150 00
Oct. 30.	To received from Grand Secretary,	50 00
1867.		
Jan. 9.	To Interest Account,	350 00
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		\$12,188 95

1866.	CR.	
Jan. 13.	By Pay Roll,	\$3312 69
	By Warrant No. 218,	250 00
	By Warrant No. 219,	100 00
	By Warrant No. 220,	150 00
	By Warrant No. 221,	61 00
	By Warrant No. 222,	99 85
	By Warrant No. 223,	50 00
	By Warrant No. 224,	471 98
	By Warrant No. 225,	160 00
	By Warrant No. 226,	250 00
	By Counterfeit Bills of Grand Secretary,	20 00
April 1.	By Warrant No. 227,	200 00
June 23.	By Warrant No. 228,	253 00
July 1.	By Warrant No. 229,	200 00
July 14.	By Warrant No. 230,	22 50
July 18.	By Warrant of Grand Master,	112 25
Sept. 15.	By Warrant No. 231,	438 76
Oct. 1.	By Warrant No. 232,	250 00

Nov. 24.	By paid Insurance, Mrs. Ensworth's house, . . .	\$2 50
1867.		
Jan. 1.	By Warrant No 233,	150 00
Jan. 9.	On hand to balance,	5634 42
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		\$12,188 95

All of which, with vouchers, is most respectfully submitted,

R. W. LANDON,

Grand Treasurer.

JANUARY 9, 1867.

JAMES FENTON, *Grand Secretary, in account with*

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan.

1866.	DR.	
Jan.	To Repairing Case,	50
	To Cartage,	50
	To New York Courier, (stopped,)	\$4 00
	To Express,	32
May.	To P. O. Stamps,	6 00
	To paid for P. M. Jewell,	18 00
May 12.	To paid Grand Treasurer,	200 00
May 24.	To paid Grand Treasurer,	50 00
May 30.	To paid Grand Treasurer,	61 75
Sept. 15.	To paid Grand Treasurer,	100 00
Oct. 2.	To Paid Grand Treasurer,	200 00
Oct. 24.	To paid Grand Treasurer,	150 00
Oct. 30.	To paid Grand Treasurer,	\$50 00
	To paid Exchange,	25
	To Ribbon for Certificates,	2 00
	To Envelopes,	1 25
	To Delegates for St. Louis, (Pay Roll,)	10 75
	Express, 25c, 25c, 25c, 25c,	1 00
Dec.	To P. O. Stamps,	11 00
	To Exchange,	25
	To Express on aprons,	75
	To Ribbon, \$1.50, \$1.50,	3 00
1867.		
Jan. 4.	To Revenue Stamps,	6 00
	To one Year's Salary,	500 00
	To Ribbon,	1 50
	To Straps, \$1.88; Cartage, \$1.00,	2 88
	To Balance,	510 00
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		\$1891 70

1886.		CR.	
		Received for Dispensations for new Lodges:	
Feb. 1.	Houghton,		\$50 00
Feb. 9.	Richland,		50 00
Feb. 8.	Holland,		50 00
	Traverse City,		20 00
Mar. 5.	Buchanan,		50 00
Mar. 26.	Dutcher,		50 00
Apr. 16.	Lawton,		25 00
Apr. 18.	Chesaning,		50 00
	Delta,		50 00
May 12.	Athens,		50 00
	Grattan,		50 00
	Bloomingtondale,		50 00
	Winfield,		50 00
	Montague,		50 00
May 30.	Leslie,		50 00
June.	Negaunee,		50 00
July 2.	Alpena,		20 00
July 26.	Flushing,		50 00
July 28.	Oceana,		50 00
Sept. 11.	Algonac,		50 00
Sept. 15.	Palo,		50 00
Sept. 19.	Coffinbury,		50 00
Sept. 27.	Cato,		50 00
Oct. 2.	Hartland,		50 00
Oct.	Cass,		50 00
Oct.	Vienna,		50 00
Oct. 12.	Cedar Springs,		50 00
Oct.	Park,		\$50 00
Oct. 30.	Peninsula,		50 00
Oct.	Bedford,		50 00
Nov. 27.	Brady,		50 00
Nov.	Hadly,		50 00
Nov.	Liberty,		50 00
	Special Dispensations,		10 00
	Eighty Grand Lodge Certificates,		40 00
	Eighty-nine Blue Books, at 80c,		26 70
	Received on account, Salary,		250 00
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On motion of Hon. W. L. Greenly, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of Greenly Lodge No. 103 produce before the Standing Committee on Grievances so much of the records of said Lodge as relates to the trial and suspension of Bro. William Eason.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence then presented their annual report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed:

REPORT.

To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed at the last session, respectfully report, that copies of the proceedings of our last communication have been sent to all Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, from most of whom we have received copies of their proceedings. These, in the aggregate, form a huge mass of printed matter, embodying the doings and opinions, the laws and regulations of the whole Fraternity. To present a succinct yet intelligible view of these is the business of your committee, who, in the exercise of their judgment, have extracted less freely from purely local regulations and constructions of jurisdictional laws and usages than from matters of more general scope, and which affect immediately or remotely the Craft in general.

We are pleased again to greet our Southern brethren in Masonic correspondence, and to note their good feeling and Masonic courtesy. In but a single instance do we find any thing approaching to hard words or un-Masonic invective, and in this solitary instance we are at a loss, whether the facts were really misunderstood, or were made the occasion of unseemly language.

As might be anticipated, the efforts of Grand Lodges in the late so-called Confederate States, have been mainly directed to the rebuilding of what the war had thrown down or destroyed. Lodges had ceased to work, their halls were sacked or destroyed, their charters burned or buried in the ruins; many things had been done irregularly, or left undone; with a commendable spirit our brethren are applying themselves to the work, and with encouraging success.

From every jurisdiction we learn our Institution is enjoying a great degree of popularity, and as a consequence, unusually large numbers have knocked at our doors, and they have been opened to them. These facts and reasonings, together with words of caution in relation to them, occupy a large space in the addresses of the Grand Masters. Some, to check this large influx, have raised the fees for admission; others say, "Better raise the standard of moral qualification, or rather, let the Lodges live up to the acknowledged high moral standard, required by our land marks in the admission of candidates." That this has not been done everywhere; that the standard of qualification for admission has, in some instances, been lowered, seems to be implied in the many and various cautions we hear from

the Grand Easts, and from the reproofs and denunciations issuing therefrom against vices and immoralities. Among which are specially named those of profanity and intemperance. We might have quoted many scathing paragraphs on this subject; all, however, agree, as said before, that the honor of our Institution, and our safety as a Society, depends largely upon our fidelity in requiring every candidate to be really of "good report" before we accept him, and if already accepted and become one of us, that we firmly, yet fraternally insist that he so conduct himself as becomes a man and Mason.

ALABAMA.

For the first time since 1861, we have the pleasure of reviewing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, by which we learn they held their Forty-Fifth Annual Communication, in December, 1865, and that one hundred and forty-seven Subordinate Lodges were represented.

Grand Master Penick, in his opening Address says, the long established institutions of our country are at an end, and we find ourselves in new and untried relations, but for weal or for woe, it becomes us as good Masons to submit to the powers that be, and quotes the ancient charges respecting submission to legal authority; he further quotes from the ancient charges that Masonry had always been injured by war, yet he says an exception may be found in the war which has just ended, for which lives have been sacrificed, governments have crumbled, and the country made a desolation; yet Masonry has apparently at least been a triumph, and during the past year as many have been initiated as in any preceding one, good has been done to Brethren in peril and distress, to the widow and the lonely wife with their children; but he adds, all is not gold that glitters, and he fears the popularity of the institution has caused many to apply for initiation with selfish and improper motives, and hurried through without proper instruction, unprepared to appreciate Masonry in its true sense. He proceeds to denounce unaffiliated Masons, who claim much, receive much, and do little or nothing, and recommends suspending all such, unless they sooner become members of some Lodge.

He records an instance of fidelity worthy of a man and Mason. The Jewels of a Lodge at Pollard were carried off by a soldier not a Mason, another soldier who was a Mason, bought them of his comrade and placed them in the hands of Brother Strenna to be returned to the Lodge, and if the name and residence of the Brother can be had, he recommends the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered him through the Grand Secretary.

He had many applications for Dispensations to confer the Degrees in less than the constitutional term, which he refused in every case.

A resolution was adopted reciprocating with much satisfaction the expressions of friendly regard, as exhibited in the reports of some of the Grand Lodges of the Northern States towards their Brethren of the South.

The proceedings show a large amount of business transacted, and a commendable zeal evinced in building up the waste places, the ravages of war having made dire havoc in many places.

M. W. Wilson Williams, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Daniel Sayer, was elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

From this Jurisdiction we have the proceedings of November, 1865, to which are prefixed abstracts of the proceedings in 1863 and 1864.

At their last meeting G. M. English thus addresses his Brethren:

You are the representatives of Lodges scattered all over this State, and your members as a general rule, are of the better and more influential classes of the communities in which your Lodges are located. Let me enjoin upon you to impress it upon your brethren at home, to be quiet, peaceful and law abiding men, to discourage and discountenance all violations of good order, and to engage cheerfully, hopefully and energetically in the industrial occupations of life. Build up the waste places of your country, and strive again to make its fruitful fields yield abundance, that bread may be spared to the destitute widows and helpless orphans, who depended for support upon arms once strong, but now palsied in death. Resume actively the labor of your Lodges, purge them of vicious members if there be any, and take good care that you keep bad material out of them in future. Labor zealously to build up the moral, religious and educational institutions of your communities, and of your State, that order, light and beauty may spring again from desolation and ruin.

We are pleased to learn that all through the dark period of the war, our Brethren in Arkansas regularly met in Annual Grand Communication and transacted, though under those adverse circumstance, such Masonic business as came before them.

Before the close of the last meeting a preamble and resolution were unanimously passed, deprecating the past when political rancor, personal enmity and sectional bitterness were developed, and appealing to the consciences of every Brother within their jurisdiction, wisely to consider, patiently endure, and energetically perform, whatsoever Masonic duty may require of him, and to accept in good faith the political result, and labor zealously to restore his country's happiness and prosperity.

M. W. Bro. English, and R. W. Bro. Merrick, were each re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Since the Session, we are pained to learn of the demise of R. W. T. D. Merrick, who so long and so ably filled the office of Grand

Secretary, and that Bro. W. D. Blocher, of Little Rock, has been appointed in his place.

CALIFORNIA

Held her Sixteenth Annual Communication in October, 1865. M. W. William C. Belcher in the East. In his opening address, after a truly eloquent paragraph, on the return of peace and the re-opening of fraternal relations and intercourse with our Brethren, so long suspended, he proceeds to recapitulate his decisions during the year and such subjects as in his judgment demand consideration, among which we find the following, which we cordially endorse:

There seems to be a growing disposition on the part of some of our brethren to take part in the celebrations and festivities, as a distinct body. I can hardly conceive whence the desire comes. Surely, it is not among the lessons we are taught in the Lodge, that we should be forward to proclaim to the world—behold we are Masons!—or anxious or willing to assist at any celebration or ceremony not purely Masonic in its character. On no occasion, except for the burial of a brother, is it permitted for any Lodge or number of Masons to appear in Masonic clothing in public procession, without special permission from the Grand Master; and that permission ought very rarely to be asked or granted. We do not so advertise our fraternity. On the Fourth of July, and other national occasions, it seems to me out of character to appear otherwise than as simple citizens. As such, it is our happy privilege to appear and participate in festivities befitting the occasion. Then we are citizens of the proudest nation of the earth, and should desire no higher rank or condition. As citizens, we are all equal, and should not distinguish ourselves by any badge or rank of fraternity. On occasions of festivity, as at Masonic balls, it seems to me to be in exceeding bad taste for brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. The white apron, in its place, is the appropriate and emblematic badge of a Mason; but in a ball-room, nothing could look much more absurd and out of good taste. Let us be quiet and unostentatious in our relations with the world, and it will respect us quite as much as if we seek its favor by idle show.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Bro. H. H. Rhees, is an admirable document; speaking of Michigan, they quote P. G. M. Moore in relation to lodges Under Dispensation, wherein he differs from Mackey, and also in reference to Masons made in military lodges, whom, he does not recognize as Masons entitled to visit, and regarding army lodges as trespassers upon the jurisdiction of sister lodges; in both these positions they say they are very much inclined to side with him. Speaking of the other decisions of P. G. M. Moore, they say after carefully considering them, we think Bro. Moore is right and add we have conceived a very strong liking to this M. W. Bro., and should like to extend our arm over the mountains and give him a good hearty, brotherly grip.

It was asked whether a person unable to read or write was a suitable candidate for Masonry, to which it was replied, that a man who has lived to maturity or beyond in contented ignorance of how

to read and write shows too little desire for ordinary light to be admitted to the brighter light of Masonry.

They require a suspended mason to first apply for restoration to the lodge which suspended him, and if they refuse he may apply to the Grand Lodge.

In reading the proceedings of this Grand Lodge we are particularly struck with the large number of able reports of various committees, involving questions of no little local interest, but in every case bearing upon their face evidence of the subject matter having been thoroughly canvassed and correct conclusions arrived at by the Committees. M. W. Gilbert B. Clairborm, was elected G. M., and Alex. G. Abell re-elected Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in November, 1885. Five of their seven Lodges were represented. G. M. Van Deren reports unusual prosperity has attended the Lodges during the past year; stringent resolutions were passed respecting the Masonic curse of intemperance.

M. W. Andrew Macon was elected Grand Master, and R. W. O. A. Whittemore was re-elected Grand Secretary.

[Since writing the above we have to acknowledge the receipt of their proceedings for October last, from which we gather the following statistics; Chartered Lodges, ten; U. D., two; Affiliated, twenty-four; Initiated, ninety-six, No. of Members, four hundred and eighty-five. M. W. Charles Withrow is Grand Master, and R. W. Ed. C. C. Parmelee is Grand Secretary.

CANADA

Held her Eleventh Annual Communication in July last. M. W. Brother W. B. Simpson, Grand Master, presiding. He calls attention to the fact that the great question of Confederation of the British North American Lodges will soon be accomplished, and asks his Brethren to ponder well the advisability of uniting with them the Maritime Provinces in forming a Grand Lodge for the whole of British America, with a Provincial Grand Lodge for each Province.

He reports adversely upon the question acknowledging the new Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, he having declined to nominate a Brother to proceed to Halifax to install the Grand Master.

He feelingly announces the death, during the year, of eminent Brethren in his own and other jurisdictions, and calling attention to

the awful conflagration at Portland, and concludes by recommending some suitable and substantial expression of sympathy be sent to the Brethren of that City.

On the report of the Special Committee on the subject, it was unanimously resolved to recognize the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and welcome her as a sister among the Grand Lodges of the World.

The Board of General Purposes congratulates the Grand Lodge on the cordial and friendly relations existing between it and other sister Grand Lodges, and hopes such will ever remain the case. Respecting the conflagration at Portland, they trust the Brethren, when they return to their homes, will awaken the charitable feelings of townsmen and neighbors on this subject.

Dispensations having been granted in two instances by a District Deputy Grand Master to hold Masonic Balls, the Board hopes in future that District Deputy Grand Masters will be careful not to grant such Dispensations, so that every care may be taken to prevent discredit being brought upon the fraternity.

The Board report, among other disbursements for benevolent purposes, the sum of \$30 to the widow of a deceased Mason, to be paid through the Worshipful Master of Zion Lodge, No. 1, Detroit, who we have reason to know has fulfilled his trust.

M. W. Brother, W. M. Wilson P. G. M., and R. W. Brother T. B. Harris were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT

Held her seventy-eighth Annual Communication in May last. M. W. Eli S. Quintard presiding. He recalls their rejoicing at the last communication over the success that had attended the fortunes of our armies, that had been for four years struggling manfully for the preservation of our existence as a Nation, and adds, we of the mystic tie had cause to rejoice for the success that had attended their efforts, and for the return of the great blessings of peace. To those of our Brethren who have differed with us, let us not condemn, but throw the mantle of charity over their foibles and failings, and bury in the grave all remembrance of the past, ever remembering that indiscretion in them should never destroy humanity in us.

He then proceeds to state his official acts, among which were the granting of five dispensations for new Lodges.

He feelingly announces the death of two Past Grand Officers, P. G. M. Abner Bradley and P. G. Chaplain Jarius M. Willey, the former at the full tide of time allotted to man, the latter in the prime of his life and usefulness.

Chauncey M. Hatch, R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer, reports

great improvement, since the action of the Grand Lodge, in its efforts to establish uniformity, which is evident in the general interest, intelligence and better understanding of Masonic duties, and more thorough instruction and appreciation of our rituals.

The Address of Grand Master Mitchell, at our last session, is largely quoted and fully endorsed. G. M. Quintard and G. S. Paul were both re-elected.

GEORGIA.

In this, as in other Southern jurisdictions our Brethren are actively engaged in repairing the waste caused by the terrible ordeal of fire and sword. They met in October, 1866, when M. W. Brother Harris reports the past year as a time of universal despondency, yet, he says, the Brethren did not falter, they met, and zealously and harmoniously transacted their business. During the late reign of terror, he adds, the power and divinity of Masonic principles were often thoroughly tested and beautifully illustrated on many sanguinary battle field and in hospitals, mitigating the fierceness of strife and soothing suffering on the couch of pain. He encourages his brethren, with stout hands and steady hearts do all they can, to bind up the wounds of the Nation with the oil and wine of charity.

The Southern Masonic Female College has been suspended during the war, and they are now devising ways and means to make it self-sustaining.

M. W. John Harris was elected Grand Master, and we are pleased again to see the name of our fellow-laborer Simri Rose, as Grand Secretary, as of old.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

At their Annual Meeting in November, 1865. M. W. Bro. Whiting with pleasure assures his Brethren that the constituent lodges were never in a more prosperous and flourishing condition than they are at the present time. They have collectively expended the large sum of \$4,432, in Masonic charity, and still retain overflowing treasuries. The whole number of petitions received was seven hundred and sixty-eight, of which more than one-third were rejected.

He says further: It ought to be understood that their Grand Lodge does not require its Subordinates to obtain the *permission* of any Subordinate Lodge within this Jurisdiction or out of it, to confer the Degrees of Masonry upon any applicant, come whence he may, if they find him justly entitled to receive the same; he then quotes their Constitution to prove that enquiry should be made of the Lodge

nearest the applicant's residence, but that only questions of moral fitness will be entertained, that all questions of Jurisdiction are ignored. He proceeds to vindicate this course by a long argument, apparently conscious that the doctrine is far from being universal. For our own part we prefer to initiate our own citizens in our own Subordinate Lodges, and we could easily show that other Grand Lodges are jealous of their rights in this respect and expect other Jurisdictions to respect their Masonic Sovereignty over their own citizens. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, we apprehend, should not be surprised if some of their initiates were refused Masonic recognition when they return home with their new born honors still fresh upon them.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Wm. G. Parkhurst, and gives an abstract of the proceedings of Grand Lodges, including our own, of the session of 1865. We fully appreciate our brother in his aim of pursuing a middle path, avoiding an excess of brevity on one hand and prolixity on the other.

M. W. Geo. C. Whitney and R. W. W. Morris Smith were each re-elected G. Master and G. Secretary.

I O W A.

The Twenty-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in June last.

Grand Master Guilbert opened the Session with a Salutatory, occupying four closely printed pages of "pleasant musings."

After a political, philosophical, and rhetorical disquisition upon the beauties of Masonry as it ought to be, compared with what we find it, he says:

Members of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa — Brethren here and elsewhere:

The views I have announced herein, are resultant from years of patient study of the principles which underlie and are the soul of Masonry. They are the outgrowths of no limited observation of what can be accomplished by Masonry, even though those principles are seldom fully developed and acted upon, and they are the offspring of musings—the which I trust may prove prophetic—upon what may be done by and on behalf of our noble Institution, in "the good time coming."

The limits we have set for ourselves, forbids further quotations; we had marked many other brilliant passages which we should be glad to reproduce.

He proceeds to say he had granted fifteen Dispensations for new Lodges, besides sundry special ones to meet special cases.

He commissioned Bro. Elisha Cooke, of Louisville as their representative to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and devotes half a page in eulogizing him as an ardent, capable and devoted

Mason. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky declined to receive him, not approving of the representative system, but Bro. Cooke sent a lengthy report to the Grand Master of the doings of Kentucky, whereupon he compliments Bro. Cooke at the expense of "others of our representatives."

He gracefully closes his Address with an "Encyclical letter," of seven pages more, two of which are a resume of his official, private, patriotic, and laborious services, showing that during the year he has been as laborious as Hercules, and emulated the wisdom of Apollo.

The Grand Lodge forbids its Subordinates from making Masons of Sojourners, and in reference to the declared intention of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, as noted above, they resolve, That if the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia shall continue to invade the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, after such fraternal appeal as the Grand Master may be pleased to make, that he be respectfully requested to withhold the appointment of a Representative to that Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro W. B. Langridge, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Lodges. They heartily agree with the sentiment of our M. W. G. M. Mitchell, expressed last year in favor of an increase of the fees for the degrees.

In past years your Committee, in reading the proceedings of Iowa, got the impression that there was friction there respecting "work." The Committee this year assure us "all is harmony and peace" on the subject, and invite us to come and see "how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in (such) unity" as they do.

We rejoice; blessed are the peace makers.

M. W. C. K. Peck, of Keokuk, was elected Grand Master, and our old friend T. S. Parvin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We are also in receipt from this Grand Lodge of a bound book containing the Constitutions of Free Masons, with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to which is added a compend of the Masonic Law of Trials and punishments, a Digest of the Decisions of the Grand Lodge on questions of Masonic Law and Practice; seventh edition. The whole digested by a Committee, of which Grand Secretary Parvin was Chairman. We congratulate the Grand Lodge on the able performance of the work.

INDIANA.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held in May last. M. W. H. G. Hazelrigg, presiding. This Grand Lodge has no Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but the Grand Master's address partakes of the character of a report of such a Committee. Speaking of

the question of the status of army lodge made Masons, he says, the granting Dispensations to form Army Lodges, was always of doubtful propriety and it resulted instead of a source of pleasure and improvement to the brethren, was doubtless, in many instances prostituted to purposes unworthy of and degrading to the institution. He argues at length against the system of District Deputy Grand Masters. Respecting the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Missouri to hold a Convention of delegates from Grand Lodges, he thinks the condition of the Fraternity would not be materially benefitted by such a meeting. He reports his Jurisdiction peaceful and prosperous, love and good will reigning throughout.

He sharply denounces the two besetting sins, intemperance and profanity, of the latter he says, he has the least patience and charity for it than for all other frailties of human nature put together.

The Grand Lodge tabled a proposition from a special Committee to appropriate \$2,000 to the "Soldier's and Sailor's Home."

Grand Master Hazelrigg and Grand Secretary Hacker, were each re-elected.

KENTUCKY

Held her Grand Annual Communication in October, 1865.

M. W. G. M. Landrum, speaking of the crowd of petitioners at our doors, says he is at a loss to determine whether the unparalleled popularity of our institution at this time should be hailed as fraught with good, or whether it should be regarded as ominous of evil, and enquires, may not the most prudent Craftsman ask, shall we look for a great and glorious Masonic millennium, or for a horrid Babylonish reign?

In the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, it was decided that it was the province of the Subordinate Lodge to decide the question whether to receive the petition, without a demit, of one who has been made in a traveling Lodge.

That a Brother expelled by his Lodge and restored to the privileges of Masonry, by the Grand Lodge, may use the Grand Lodge proceedings reported in his case as a demit to accompany his petition for affiliation.

That not more than one candidate shall receive the first Lecture of the first and second Degrees, and the first and second Lecture of the third Degree, at one and the same time.

That no regularly elected officer who has been installed and assumed the duties of the office to which he has been elected by his Lodge, can resign.

M. W. M. J. Williams was elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. M. S. McCorkle, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

K A N S A S .

The Tenth Annual Communication was held in October, 1865.

M. W. G. M. Saqui reverently appreciates the more favorable conditions under which they then assembled than those when their last Communication should have been held.

He reports having met with the Brethren appointed for that purpose, and prepared a system of work, conforming to that of the Baltimore Convention of 1843.

The Lodges, we are pleased to learn, are in a prosperous condition.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, is from the pen of R. W. Bro. Carr, who appropriately notices our proceedings of 1865.

M. W. Bro. Saqui, Grand Master, and R. W. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

L O U I S I A N A .

Grand Master J. Q. A. Fellows, in his opening Address at their Fifty-fourth Annual Communication in February last, says; It is one of the land marks, that Masonry only flourishes in times of peace. The Masonic world had, it seems, almost forgotten this trite maxim. It is now known to us, so as never to be forgotten by this generation, and we hope not by the succeeding. The Fraternity have suffered, but, at the same time, have learned lessons which could only be learned by such experience. We have learned another thing; that there exists a virtue in our Institution, which is superior to all the trials of life, to all the vicissitudes of time and the world. We may, now that it has not only survived the storm of fanaticism aimed at itself, but also this last storm aimed at good government, safely assume that the origin of our Institution is Divine, that its principles of morals, as well as its form of government, is such as the Grand Master of us all has devised, or rather inspired, as that best suited to man. So firmly convinced am I of this, that in case of doubt either on the subject of morals or Government, I unhesitatingly refer to the practical teachings of our Order, and never fail in finding a practical solution of every doubt.

Speaking of the labors of the past year, he says: Though somewhat arduous, yet in matters of serious moment, his official acts have been comparatively few. They were actively engaged in repairing the devastating effects of the four years of war.

D. D. G. M. Geo. A. Pike says in his report, that St. James Lodge, without any interruption except that occasioned by the movements of the military during the siege of Port Hudson, has labored

up to the present moment, and is now in a more flourishing and prosperous condition than ever before in its history. Situated, as it was, on the very border of the conflict, it had a delicate mission to perform, and by the practice of the precepts of our orthodox and Catholic religion, this Lodge earned the respect and esteem of those in authority, of both sides of the line, and was the only power here instrumental in mitigating the horrors of war. That this confidence was never betrayed or misused, I think we may safely call on all in authority during that time to bear testimony.

Louisiana Relief Lodge reports having disbursed for charity during the year, \$1681, that some were necessarily refused assistance either for being unaffiliated, and in the case of females, from lack of evidence to prove their claims in the fraternity.

In this Jurisdiction also, as well as in others we could name, they find occasion to exercise caution against imposters whom they justly style "wretches."

They decline the invitation of Missouri to meet in National Masonic Convention.

A proposition to amend the Constitution lays over till next year, forbidding Lodges in New Orleans and Jefferson to confer the three degrees for less than \$100, and in other places for less than \$75.

M. W. Wm. M. Perkins was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Samuel M. Todd was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

At the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in May last, M. W. G. M. John F. Houston, speaking of innovations and irregularities, illustrates thus:

There are men within our jurisdiction irregularly made, seeking the privileges of regular Masons. They acquired their pretended rights in what are known as Army or Traveling Lodges, "run" in the apt phraseology of the institutions themselves, by men who were hired to follow in the train of hangers-on of the army. He unqualifiedly dissents from this, it does not comport with the dignity and lofty honor of Free Masonry, being not only out of place, but contrary to the time-honored usages of the Order. He insists they should petition and be regularly initiated by the Lodge nearest to their residence. In this way only, can they be admitted. By this long process will they demonstrate their sincerity and their worth. The history of Masonry, he says, in its connection with the fearful atrocities of the past five years, will never be written on earth, we know enough of it to be assured that it will have its Heaven.

ports having, in obedience to a resolution of the Grand

Lodge, deeded the College property at Lexington, to the State, upon condition of its establishing and supporting forever, a first-class Military, Normal and Literary institution.

He reads his Brethren a severe lecture against the deplorable and disgraceful besetting sin of intemperance.

Bro. Geo. Frank Gouly, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, noticing our proceedings of 1865 and 1866. Speaking of M. W. Lovel Moore, they call him a hard worker and a close thinker, and are convinced that he has drank at the same fountains as "our Missouri law-givers."

On the third day they laid the foundation stone of Free Masons' Hall, according to the ancient regulations, on which occasion R. W. and Rev. John D. Vincel, delivered an address—a copy of which we have received—and from which if our limits allowed, we should be pleased to transcribe some of its eloquent passages.

M. W. and Rev. John D. Vincel, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. A. O'Sullivan, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Hour Glass is an emblem of human life, behold how swiftly the sands run and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close! Thus wastes man! On the 11th day of August last, the great, good much beloved and Brother, Anthony O'Sullivan, the Masonic Lyncurgus of Missouri, fell a victim to the terrible malady then scourging the land, having already suffered years of agony from a disease, from which it was but lately hoped he might ultimately recover; but Death sent forth her decree and the lamented Anthony O'Sullivan is no more.

MAINE.

The Annual Communication was held in May last, G. M. Preble presiding. He commends to the good offices of the Craft, those of their brethren who have returned from the defence of their country, maimed or sick, and the dear ones left by those who, in the same cause, have laid down their lives. He granted six Dispensations to open new Lodges, and declined to grant three others asked for. He deprecates the very strong and increasing disposition to multiply Lodges. The principal cause of complaint has been on account of rejected candidates claiming to have been made Masons in "Military Lodges so called." He recommends that such persons petition the Lodge for the degrees, and after passing the ordeal of the ballot, recommends authorizing the Lodges to 'heal them without fee. He decided the Grand Master has no power to grant a Dispensation to fill a vacancy in the office of the Master or S. W. while the office of J. W. is not vacant.

The Grand Lodge resolved not to remit Grand Lodge dues to

Subordinate Lodges, on account of loss by fire of property not insured.

They have 131 Lodges who initiated 1008, rejected 516 ; total membership 10075.

M. W. Josiah H. Drummond presented a lengthy and able report on Foreign Correspondence. They dissent from our position on Military Lodges.

M. W. Timothy J. Murray was elected Grand Master and Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Master M. W. William Parkman opened their "stated communication" with an Annual Address. He rejoices in the return of peace and says while this fearful war has raged, and while all these tribulations have beset the American people, our beloved Masonic Institution has pursued the even tenor of its way, more undisturbed than any other civil organization. During the past year he reports unexampled prosperity ; not less than twelve new halls have been dedicated to Masonic uses in Massachusetts alone.

He refused the application of a Lodge in South Boston to remove to the city proper, it being against the express provisions of its Charter.

They hope to see their noble edifice (now in progress), completed within the next year.

In the judgment of Grand Master Parkman, the social principle of Free-masonry is just as much a fundamental element as the duty of charity, hence he always orders an entertainment upon the day to be set apart for the exemplification of the Work and Lectures.

R. W. Charles C. Dame was elected Grand Master and R. W. Charles W. Moore was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

In this Jurisdiction there are thirty-three Lodges, and the Grand Master Prescott congratulates the Craft upon the full representation at the Annual Communication in October, 1865. He assures his brethren the condition of Masonry in the Jurisdiction is such as to make glad and encourage every lover of our Mystic Society, he refers he says to that better growth, the development of the virtues and graces of the true Mason.

M. W. Geo. W. Prescott was elected Grand Master, and C. W. Carpenter, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

Masonry in this Jurisdiction is represented to be in a very prosperous condition. They rejoice in fraternal communication with all their sister Grand Lodges, the whole family bound together as they ever have been in the bonds of Friendship, Charity and Brotherly Love.

They are actively engaged in completing their new Temple.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the industrious pen of Bro. Wm. J. Wroth. They quote our standing resolution No. 26, prepared at our last session, respecting reports of committees on the character, standing and antecedents of candidates, and pronounce it "excellent."

M. W. John Coates G. M. and R. W. J. H. Medairy G. S., were each re-elected.

NOVA SCOTIA.

On the 20th February last a Convention of delegates from the various lodges in the Province, was held at Halifax, at which twelve out of thirteen lodges were represented, it is represented as one of the largest assemblages of Masons ever met together in this Province.

As early as 1861 Committees from the different Lodges under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland met and unanimously agreed upon the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge and to that end the parent Grand Lodges were written to and their consent asked; the Grand Lodge of England answered promptly and peremptorily, refusing any such privilege. The Grand Lodge of Scotland though written to at the same time never deigned a reply. Since that time their patience has been tried, in various ways, first, that warrants ordered from Scotland have never been received though the money sent has been acknowledged, second, that no acknowledgment of remittances for dues have been received, although they know the bill of Exchange was promptly honored; third, that for twelve months no diplomas have been received and no communication of any kind has been received, although remonstrances from the Provincial Grand Master, the Bro. Grand Secretary and individual members of the Craft, have been sent and they know have been received by the Grand Lodge.

Our Brethren in Nova Scotia feeling that further remonstrances would be undignified, at the Convention previously spoken of, proceeded to the formation of a Grand Lodge for Nova Scotia, and elected M. W. William H. Davies Grand Master, and R. W. Chas. J. McDonald Grand Secretary.

On the 21st of June, 1866, the Grand officers were duly installed by M. W. Col. W. Mercer Willson P. G. M., of Canada.

We have great pleasure in welcoming our sister of Nova Scotia among our correspondents, recognizing her as engaged in a common cause, and extending to her, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the right hand of fellowship in the name of our Divine Art.

NEVADA.

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication in October, 1865. Masonry has taken root and is thriving in this young jurisdiction. They have ten Lodges, a membership of four hundred and eighty-three, and seventy-seven initiations during the year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Communication was held in December, 1865. G. M. Sargeant says he is happy to believe there is less of the spirit of innovation and of change in the work and lectures, than in some other jurisdictions. He reprehends the attempt of some modern teachers to substitute one modern work after another, instead of others more ancient and antiquated. Similar attempts, he says, have been made to modernize the style and phraseology of the Sacred Scriptures. For his part he says he much prefers the old fashioned Bible and old fashioned Masonry.

The Grand Lodge decided a Secular Lodge, in a sister jurisdiction, cannot refer a complaint to their Grand Lodge, except through and with the endorsement of its Grand Lodge.

They directed charges to be preferred against a Brother for circulating printed books purporting to contain their work and lectures.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. Chas. G. Courier, Chairman, quote with approval, the action of this Grand Lodge requiring a full written report of character and qualifications of candidates.

M. W. John H. Rowell, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Horace Chase, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Has twelve Lodges and one under Dispensation, five of which were represented at their Annual Meeting in June last. Initiations, one

hundred and thirty-five. Total membership, four hundred and seventy-five. The proceedings of Michigan are not noticed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we regret to notice the name of Michigan omitted from the list of Grand Lodges they publish in communication with them.

R. W. Furnas, is Grand Master, and J. N. Wise is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Masonry is prosperous in this jurisdiction; their proceedings are well filled with matters of much local interest. Bro. Hough presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he quotes largely and approvingly from G. M. Moore's Address, respecting the prerogative of Lodges under Dispensation, and likewise on Military Lodges, which they say they accept without reserve as conclusive.

Bro. Silas Whitehead was elected Grand Master, and Joseph H. Hough, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

We are happy again to receive tidings from this Jurisdiction, being their proceedings at the Annual Communication held in December, 1865. M. W. John McCormick G. M., presiding. He says the past year has been an eventful one, and he has had to contend with many perplexities and difficulties, among which he mentions the total suspension of the mails. He also states that all the Lodges in the track of Gen. Sherman's army, (except in the towns where guards could be had) suffered greatly. Harmony he says prevails and this he looks upon as the best evidence of prosperity.

Bro. E. G. Reade, from the Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the alleged organization of a Lodge of Negroes at Newburn, N. C., submitted a report which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee began by stating, the Grand Master had called the attention of the Grand Lodge to an article from the *Anglo-African*, published in New York, setting forth that Past M. W. Paul Drayton, of the National Grand Lodge is about to resume his labors in the South under the authority of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and will proceed to dedicate and constitute a lodge at Charleston and another at Newburn, N. C., etc. etc. The Committee then quote a paragraph from the Newburn, N. C., *Daily Times*, quoting the above from the *Anglo-African*, and denouncing it as a gross insult to be strongly protested against by the Grand Lodge of

North Carolina "and thereupon the undersigned were appointed a committee to investigate and report." They say they have been unable to learn anything more than the facts as above stated "which if true what right has the Grand Lodge of New York to do so," perhaps they were military lodges, hence "the subject is of the gravest character," "They do not in the abstract question the propriety of making Masons of negroes." They say they have made them [negroes] better than Africans! and nearly equal to "our Northern Brethren." The Committee then devotes a page to prove how much more the negro is indebted to North Carolina than to New York, and indulge in a strain of vituperation which Masonic Charity forbids our quoting. They close their report by a resolution requesting the M. W. G. Master to correspond with the Grand Master of New York, and earnestly remonstrates against the same.

We are at a loss what to say to the above, one of two things, is certain, either the Committee did not know that the *Anglo-African* was an African paper and that the so-called "National Grand Lodge of the State of New York" was not the Grand Lodge of New York or they did. If the former is true, it may charitably be laid to the suspension of the mails; if the latter, it would look as though the Committee made use of it to give utterance to what had better have been left unsaid.

Edwin G. Reade is Grand Master and Wm. T. Bain is Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The latest report from our neighboring Jurisdiction is that of October, 1865. Grand Master Sparrow truly says: In view of the dignity of our principles and the frequent failure to conform to them, it should be a hard thing to become a Mason. The character of every candidate should be sifted thoroughly.

The presence of positive virtues—not the simple absence of vice—should be an indispensable pre-requisite to initiation, the result, he says, would be fewer, but better and brighter Masons, a larger attendance at our meetings, and a general elevation of the character of the Craft.

These views are exactly co-incident with the action of this Grand Lodge at our last session, requiring a full written report on character and qualifications of candidates, &c., and are happy to receive the endorsement of so high an authority as Grand Master Sparrow. It has always seemed to your committee that the true course for us is to carry into practice our theoretical views of the dignity of the character of a true Master Mason. It is evidently the more necessary now when our institution is becoming popular to build good material upon our confessedly solid foundations.

He recommends forbidding Lodges to rent their Halls except for Masonic purposes, or to occupy them jointly with any other society or order whatever.

They had issued six Dispensations to form Military Lodges, and at the previous session they revoked them unless they made returns within three months, and the Grand Master was required to see the order strictly enforced, but with all his efforts he was able to recover but two of them, the other two being still outstanding, and he has not been able to learn in whose hands they are.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence, (Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham, Chairman), quotes Grand Master Moore's views respecting the *status* of Masons made in Military Lodges, and say, though they deprecate the establishment of Military Lodges and believe them to have been productive of evil rather than good, yet they deem our action in the premises premature and uncourteous.

We might retort and say, was it not uncourteous and premature to put it in the power of Military Lodges, travelling beyond the Jurisdiction of their Grand Lodge, to invade our Jurisdiction; but the pressure is removed, peace has returned to bless us, and with the disbanding of the army, let us cover all that is past with the broad mantle of Charity.

Grand Master Spencer and Grand Secretary Caldwell were each re-elected.

OREGON

Held her Annual Communication in June last, G. M. S. F. Chadwick presiding, who, in his Address, after some very appropriate remarks touching the reciprocal duties of the Grand Lodge and her Subordinates, gives a detailed account of his official acts during the year, and in conclusion says the interests of Masonry are safe and are advancing in the jurisdiction, and that good order and harmony prevails among them.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. Amory Holbrook, Chairman, fraternally and courteously notices our proceedings at the session of 1886.

M. W. A. W. Ferguson, is Grand Master, and R. W. J. E. Hurford, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We are in receipt of the "Abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, being extracts from the minutes of its Quarterly, Extra and Annual Communication for the year A. D. 1885, A. L. 5865."

M. W. Lucius H. Scott, at the Annual Communication, in December, 1866, after expressing devout thankfulness for the return of peace and the close of the war, says, it is neither the time or place, nor he the historian, to trace the particular events of the late terrible war as connected with Free Masonry. When that day shall come, and that history written, he says, it will be seen what agency and influence Free Masonry has had in mitigating the sufferings and soothing the stormy passions of war.

He gives a statement in detail of the ceremonies performed by the Grand Lodge of laying the corner stone of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburgh, very properly remarking that it was a *National*, and not merely a local and Masonic duty.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, Chairman, courteously notices our proceedings for 1865, in their review of general topics, suggested by reading the various Grand Lodge proceedings, they say, the great *increase of members*, is matter for serious consideration and deplore the fact, that notwithstanding words of caution and warning uttered by Grand Masters, there is scarce one of the ancient landmarks which stand as guards and barriers to our portals, that is not sought to be overthrown, overlooked, or explained away for one reason or another, for the benefit of individuals who have not any claim upon the Fraternity.

G. M. Lucius H. Scott, and G. S. W. H. Adams, were each re-elected; but sad to relate, on the 11th of February, Bro. Adams passed from his labors on earth, and to fill the vacancy the Grand Master appointed Bro. John Thompson, Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

This Grand Lodge also mourns the decease of P. G. M. William Whitney, among whose most prominent acts as Grand Master, may be mentioned the funeral ceremonies attendant upon the re-interment of the remains of Bro. Stephen Girard, in the vestibule of the magnificent temple, founded by his munificence and known as the Girard College for Orphans.

An appropriate pamphlet "*In Memoriam*," has been received.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

From this jurisdiction we have a pamphlet containing the proceedings of five years, viz: 1861, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

In 1863, as one of the effects of the war, but few of the Lodges continued to meet, and those who have done so, with some exceptions, transacted but little business.

In 1864, the activity of their Lodges was still greatly impaired by the disastrous influences of the war. During the past summer their Hall in the city of Charleston, was struck by shells from Morris Island, the Hall Committee removed higher up into the city, but the

increased range of shelling involved the new Hall in danger and was struck twice.

The session of 1865 was opened by Bro. W. T. Walter, S. G. W. acting Grand Master, the Grand Lodge being in mourning for M. W. John H. Boatwright, Grand Master, and R. W. R. B. Boylston, Deputy Grand Master. His opening Address was brief and the proceedings were short, their acts being principally looking to repairing the waste places and setting their house in order for more prosperous times than had lately befallen them. They have our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity, and with them we rejoice at the return of peace.

Hon. James L. Orr, Governor of the State, is Grand Master, and Albert G. Mackey, is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

From this Grand Jurisdiction we have proceedings for the year ending May 29, 1865, and for the year ending June 25, 1866. G. M. Thos. A. Doyle being confined to his house by severe sickness, his address was sent to and read in the Grand Lodge, it is a very sensible, compact business-like document, devoted almost entirely to official acts and local matters. The Grand Lodge sustained his decision, "That a Lodge could not unite in a procession on the Fourth of July, or appear in public as a Lodge, except for the burial of a brother or for the performance of some Masonic work."

Thomas A. Doyle is Grand Master and Charles D. Greene is Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

M. W. Edward H. Lane presided at the Annual Communication in December, 1865. He says nowhere have the evils and misfortunes of war been felt more than in the Fraternity, many of their most flourishing lodges, both in town and country have fallen a prey; jewels, and furniture, charters and buildings have been destroyed, and it has been his duty diligently to do all in his power to remedy the misfortunes and enable lodges to resume their work.

He calls attention to a circular he has received bringing to his knowledge the fact of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Western Virginia. He does not deem it to be his province to enquire whether the State of Western Virginia has been rightfully formed, but admits it to be sound Masonic Law that the political boundaries of a State fixes the Masonic Jurisdiction; nevertheless he thinks lodges formerly under their Jurisdiction should first make a return in

due form, pay their dues and notify them of their intentions, these things not having been done, he inclines to the opinion that any Grand Lodge they would form would be illegal.

The opinion being abroad, that during the war the Grand Lodge of Virginia forbade her Subordinates from holding Masonic intercourse with Masons who adhered to their allegiance to the Union, he says no such prohibition was ever adopted by their Grand Lodge.

In 1860 this Grand Lodge by resolution suspended Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New York and those hailing from their Jurisdiction, "on account of her illegal, irregular and unmasonic action in her intercourse and union with the so-called Phillips Grand Lodge of New York," through its Committee setting forth, that the action had in the case was irremediable, and irrevocable, thereupon the Grand Lodge of Virginia repealed all acts and resolutions suspending Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of communications from sundry Grand Lodges by name (ours not included,) and deeply regret not having received any from others they name; the omission of Michigan from this list, is we presume a simple inadvertence.

M. W. Edward H. Lane is Grand Master and R. W. John Dove is Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

From this Jurisdiction we have a pamphlet containing proceedings of Annual meetings in 1861, 1863, 1864 and October, 1865. During the former years but little, except routine business, was done.

M. W. Thomas A. Hamilton, at the last session, calls on his Brethren to be grateful, that oppressed as they have been, by a cruel civil war, for the last four years, so few of their Brethren have fallen. He calls on them not to allow the laws in regard to drunkenness, gambling, and profane swearing, to remain a dead letter; he fears that mercenary motives has been one cause of the large addition to their membership; he set his face firmly against Dispensations to shorten the time for degrees. The ravages of war have seriously injured records, books and papers of Lodges.

Strict injunctions were enjoined against holding any Masonic communication with associations of negroes, which they learn, exist among them, claiming to be Masonic Lodges.

Lodges were authorized to amend their By-Laws, so as "to strike from the roll of Membership for non-payment of dues," instead of of suspension, the Lodge voting in every such case.

Thomas A. Hamilton is Grand Master and Charles A. Fuller is Grand Secretary

TEXAS.

We are receipt of proceedings at the 80th Annual Communication, held in June, 1866, M. W. Robert M. Elgin, presiding, who gratefully alludes to the restoration of Masonic courtesies, and that they are again in correspondence with their sister Grand Lodges; the matter of offering every encouragement to Lodges which ceased to work during the war, received attention at his hands. Speaking of his correspondence and decisions, he says, the most numerous and not the least difficult were from complaints of invaded Jurisdictions, most of which have been charged against traveling Military Lodges which have passed out of existence.

By resolution at their former session, the Finance Committee was authorized to cancel and destroy the C. S. Notes and Bonds, which constituted the entire funds, and the Grand Treasurer thus states his account with the Grand Lodge:

Balance as per last Report,	\$0 00
Received from Grand Secretary,	0 00
Paid out,	0 00
Amount in Treasury,	0 00

Reviewing Grand officer's reports, it is said in relation to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, that although the honor is eagerly sought after, but little regard is paid to the duties of the office.

Appropriate notice is taken of the death of A. S. Ruthven, so long their Grand Secretary.

Brother. James Wrigley, Grand Orator, delivered an address, in which he endeavors to reconcile the injunction, "to be true to the government of the country in which they live," with the fact of their having been hostilely arrayed against each other.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, (Bro. W. B. Botts, Chairman), notice courteously our last proceedings.

Richard Douglas is Grand Master, and Geo. H. Bringhurst is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

We are in receipt of these proceedings for January last, Grand Master Englesby, presiding; he reports the Craft in his jurisdiction as having prospered, for which he calls on his Brethren to thank God. Speaking of the convention of Grand Lodges proposed by Missouri, he expresses grave doubts of its advisability, and grave doubts still as to its power for good when assembled; the Grand Lodge held the same view and declined to send delegates.

Remarking that the Pope had placed the institution in Germany under his ban, he regrets it more for the spirit it displays than for the fact.

A communication was received from the venerable Grand Lecturer, Bro. Samuel Wilson, whereupon a Committee was appointed to procure from him a copy of the work and lectures as taught by him, and to procure from him and any other accessible source, such information upon it as they may be able to obtain and report at their next session.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence courteously notices our proceedings last year, from which they quote freely, and especially commend the very intelligent and hopeful report of the official labors of our venerable and beloved Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

M. W. Leverett B. Englesby, is Grand Master, and R. W. Henry Clark, is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Representatives of eight Lodges met in Grand Lodge in November, 1865. Masonry is well cared for and prospering in this far off Jurisdiction. They have 11 Lodges, 344 Members, 87 initiations, \$503 Grand Lodge dues.

M. W. Elwood Evans is Grand Master, and R. W. Thomas M. Reed is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Last year we acknowledged the reception of a circular letter setting forth the organization of a Grand Lodge in this State, in which it was stated "the proceedings will be published and sent to you."

This year under date of October 1866, we have an acknowledgment of the receipt of our last proceedings, and a statement that their proceedings were not and will not be published until after their next Annual Communication, to be held in Wheeling on the fourth Tuesday of January, 1867.

WISCONSIN.

At the session of June last G. M. Wentworth mentioned among his official acts, the granting of thirteen Dispensations for new lodges, he remarks that much, perhaps more work has been done than in any past year, owing largely, he thinks to the large number of young

men returned home from the army, where they had become impressed with the beneficial influence of the Order, that this increase has added much good and some bad material to our mystic Temple, and exhorts his brethren to remember that our strength consists not in numbers simply.

Grand Lecturer Marquissee reports general harmony in the Jurisdiction; he notices some practices which tend to mischief, a large portion of them arising from undue haste in conferring degrees and a very reprehensible omission of portions of the work by some lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported no necessity for any modification of the rule heretofore established, "that Masons made in military lodges are not to be recognized as Masons by their lodges till formally healed."

M. L. Young is Grand Master, and Wm. T. Palmer is Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FENTON,

Grand Secretary,

And ex-officio Chairman of Com. on For. Cor.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, January 10—8 A. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

The Throne of Grace was invoked by the Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.

W. Bro. J. P. Cowles, offered the following resolution, which was accepted and referred to the Special Committee, No. 9, on the M. W. Grand Master's Address, relative to a Masonic Building:

WHEREAS, It is proposed by certain Brethren of Lansing to erect in that city a Temple, to cost not less than \$30,000, Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby authorize its Treasurer to subscribe and pay, for and in the name of the Grand Lodge, for \$10,000 of stock in said Temple, provided, that \$20,000 of stock be raised by said Brethren, legal organization perfected to hold such property in trust for the free use of this Grand Lodge, forever, and the plans of said Temple be approved by the Grand Master and Grand Architect.

Bro. the Rev. Geo. Taylor, general Agent of the Michigan Soldiers' Monument Association, was introduced to the Grand Lodge, and permission being given, he addressed the Grand Lodge, stating he was authorized to say that some fifty thousand dollars had already been secured for the building of the Monument to the memory of more than thirteen thousand of the sons of Michigan, many of whom were our Masonic Brothers who had fallen in the late war; he further stated that the Executive Committee expected to be able to lay the corner stone on the Fourth day of July next, and that he was the bearer, on behalf of the Association, of an invitation, which he then gave, to the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge and all the Subordinate Lodges in the State, to be present and participate in the ceremonies.

The M. W. Grand Master responded, and said in his opinion it would be worthy of the Order so to celebrate our next great National Festival, and recommended the appointment of a special Committee of three to respond to the invitation.

The recommendation was adopted, and M. W. Bros. W. T. Mitchell, Geo. C. Monroe and J. Eastman Johnson, were appointed such Committee.

The following report from the District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula, was then read by the Most Worshipful Grand Secretary, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and that portion of it referring to the advancement of candidates, was referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.

REPORT.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT D. G. MASTER FOR THE UPPER PENINSULA,

HANCOCK, DECEMBER 15TH, A. D. 1886, A. L. 5886.

S. C. Coffinbury, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Michigan,

MOST WORSHIPFUL:—I esteem it a pleasant duty to be able to

assure you of the continued prosperity and usefulness of our beloved Order in this remote portion of your jurisdiction.

Although we are deprived of many of the privileges and enjoyments of the Craft in more accessible and populous regions, yet I think Masonry is perhaps more highly appreciated and becomes more a moving, controlling power from the very fact of our isolation. The pleasures and duties of the Lodge room are the more highly esteemed for the labor and self denial they cost us, and here as everywhere, he who most frequently participates in the work of the Lodge, will see most of the beauties of our system and be most influenced by the pure precepts and teachings inculcated in our lectures and ceremonial observances.

A very considerable portion of the Brethren have shown a commendable punctuality in attendance upon the Communications of their respective Lodges; not unfrequently in the face of discouragements and untoward circumstances that evince a devotion to the Order worthy the emulation of the luke warm and indifferent in our own, as well as other localities.

As you will observe by the Annual returns of our Lodges, there has been a satisfactory amount of work done during the year. From present knowledge and observation, I can testify that the material which has passed inspection, has been good, square and true, and will not mar or deface the beauty and purity of our Temple. The number of rejections reported, points to the conclusion that discrimination and judgment have been exercised in the selection of recipients for our honors and that the Lodges have thrown over among the rubbish such as were not worthy and well qualified.

In my official relations I have urged upon the Lodges a close adherence to the Baltimore lectures and work, as adopted and enjoined in 1845 and confirmed in 1866, by our Grand Lodge, and I should do injustice to the officers and Brethren of all our Lodges, not to specially name to you their zeal and industry in this important particular. We have had during the year the pleasure and benefit of an official visit from our distinguished and venerable Grand Visitor and Lecturer, R. W. Brother Stillman Blanchard. He will doubtless report to you the condition and workings of our Lodges.

Soon after my appointment I granted to a constitutional number of Bretheren in Houghton, a dispensation to open a new Lodge in that village. The situation of this new Lodge is only about a mile distant from that of Quincy Lodge, No. 135, but separated as they are by the waters of Portage Lake, rendering it always inconvenient and often impossible for the large number of Bretheren resident in Houghton and vicinity, to attend the Communications of Quincy Lodge, and all the other constitutional requirements being complied with, I deemed their relative situation sufficient grounds for a deviation from the recommendation of the Grand Lodge, "that no new Lodge be hereafter organized within the distance of ten miles of any

other Lodge now at work in this jurisdiction unless for special causes shown." The Brethren of Houghton Lodge, Under Dispensation, will apply to the Grand Lodge for a Charter, and I most cheerfully commend them to your favorable consideration. The expiring Dispensation and other necessary papers have been forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

I have also granted two Dispensations for conferring the second and third Degrees the same evening, one to Rockland Lodge, No. 108, and one to Quincy Lodge, No. 135. In both cases I was personally cognizant of all the circumstances connected therewith and was convinced that no detriment could arise to the Craft by thus legalizing a departure from a wise and healthful regulation.

I received, March 7th, from Worthy Brother M. H. Maynard, Master of Marquette Lodge, No. 101, the following query: "A Brother Fellow Craft is black-balled upon his application for advancement—how soon can he apply again?" I enclose copy of my reply, instructing him that the rights and privileges of the refused applicant for light, were in no wise affected by the action of the Lodge, and that he remained a Fellow Craft in good standing, until otherwise determined by his Lodge upon regular and lawful trial.

Hoping that all the deliberations of the Grand Lodge may be characterized by Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, and that yourself, Most Worshipful, may be long spared to honor and adorn our beloved Order,

I am most Fraternally Yours,

In the bonds of Friendship,

Morality and Brotherly Love,

THOMAS U. FLANNER,

D. D. G. M. for Upper Peninsula.

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT D. G. MASTER OF THE UPPER PENINSULA,

HANCOCK, MARCH 12th, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5905.

M. H. Maynard, W. M. Marquette Lodge, No. 101.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:—Yours of 7th instant is received containing inquiry relative to right of Fellow Craft for advancement.

A Fellow Craft continues to be invested with the right to apply for advancement so long as he remains in good standing as such. The refusal of the Lodge to grant his request at one time does not affect his right to petition at any subsequent regular Communication, so long as he is a Fellow Craft in good standing, from the fact that the action of the Lodge in refusing his petition in no wise affects

his position as a Fellow Craft. If they should refuse to give him further light for a year, he still remains a Fellow Craft, and is endowed with all the rights and privileges of that Degree until he is subjected to Masonic discipline and deprived of them by regular trial. One of the general regulations of the Craft is that no business shall be transacted at a called Communication except that for which it was called, for this reason, and that no Brother should be taken advantage of, I should limit your action in the case submitted to a regular Communication, unless you called a Communication for that special purpose, and so notified each and every Brother, and I am inclined to the opinion that the spirit of the Order would be better fulfilled by allowing it to be presented only at a regular, but he may apply at *any* regular.

Fraternally Yours,

THOMAS U. FLANNER,

D. D. G. M. for Upper Peninsula.

The R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer then presented his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan:

As Grand Visitor and Lecturer the undersigned respectfully reports, that since the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, I have traveled nearly three thousand miles through different sections of the State, in order to comply with requests for visitation from the most remote Lodges in this jurisdiction, and have exemplified the lectures and work in sixty-nine Lodges. Among them are three new Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, viz: Houghton, at Portage Lake; Negonee, at Iron Mountain, and Escanaba, at Bay DeNoque, and in the same region visiting the Ontonagon, Marquette, Rockland and Quincy Lodges.

It was very pleasant to witness the intelligence and zeal of the Craft in the land of "high hills" and "low vales," and our Brethren in the Lower Peninsula may rest assured that these Brothers on the shores of Lake Superior are, in every respect, worthy to be taken by the hand as Free and Accepted Masons. Indeed, some of our Lodges on the beautiful and less rugged shores of the lower lakes must be watchful, or the Light of Masonry will shine more brightly from the rugged mountain tops and secluded valleys of the Upper Peninsula than on the more genial plains below. And here it is

proper to remark that the Right Worshipful, Thomas U. Flanner, of the Lake Superior District, has performed his important duties in a manner highly creditable to himself and acceptable to the Craft.

Having visited all the old Lodges in the Lower Peninsula that have requested my services, I found them generally in improved Halls and exhibiting evidence of prosperity, harmony and increasing zeal to conform their lectures and work to the Edicts of the Grand Lodge. Some of these Lodges have made such rapid progress in this direction, and are working with such admirable skill and precision, that I would deem it my duty to name them were it not for the fact, that where all are trying to do well, comparisons are apt to be regarded as invidious.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master and the other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and to the Brethren all over the State, I desire, on closing this brief report, to present my heartfelt thanks for their continued kindness, sympathy and aid.

Respectfully submitted,

STILLMAN BLANCHARD,
Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Detroit.

On motion of Bro. J. P. Fiske, it was

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Address as relates to irregularities in By-Laws of Lodges, be referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.

W. Bro. O. Dodge, made a verbal statement informing the Grand Lodge that certain Masonic Jewels had come into the possession of Brethren in his neighborhood, having been purchased by them from returned soldiers, and stating his belief that more of them, possibly enough to complete a set, were still in the hands of other returned soldiers; whereupon Bro. Dodge was appointed a Committee of one to make enquiries and procure the missing pieces, and to transmit the whole of them to the R. W. Grand Secretary, for return to their proper owners if they could be found.

On motion of N. B. Eldredge 2d, Grand Marshal, it was

Resolved, That all Brothers having Masonic Jewels or Mementos in their possession, heretofore belonging to a Southern Lodge or Brother, be, and they are hereby, requested to forward the same to our R. W. Grand Secretary, with all information they may have of their former owners, in order that he may take proper steps to restore them.

On motion of W. Bro. W. L. Webber, it was

Resolved, That the active members of this Grand Lodge, be paid three dollars for each day's attendance during its session, and ten cents per mile for the distance necessarily traveled to make such attendance, provided that no member shall receive a greater sum than his Lodge has paid for Annual dues to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the special order, to wit: The Burial Service reported yesterday by the Special Committee, when, after an exemplification and debate, on motion of M. W. Lovel Moore, it was

Resolved That the Burial Service as reported by the Special Committee appointed last year, be printed with the proceedings and that action on it be postponed until the next Annual Communication.

W. Bro. J. A. Shingledecker, offered the following resolution, which was accepted and referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that St. John the Evangelist's day, is not a regular meeting for Subordinate Lodges for other than Festivals and Installation Services.

The Special Committee No. 8, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, relating to the Portland conflagration, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in regard to the Portland conflagration, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge donate the sum of two hundred dollars for the relief of the sufferers in said conflagration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. P. EASTON,
E. H. GLENN,
J. W. MANDIGO,

Committee

W. Bro. J. A. Shingledecker offered the following resolution, which after consideration, was not adopted;

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that no candidate for advancement, shall be deemed to have made suitable proficiency in the preceding Degree, unless such candidate can repeat the first section of the Lecture of the preceding Degree.

The following resolution was offered, and on motion it was laid upon the table:

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Grand Lodge that "Proficiency in a preceding Degree," shall consist of a knowledge of the first section of the Lecture of the preceding Degree, except the O. B., and that the applicant for advancement be required to give the purport of the latter.

The Special Committee, No. 4, on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, relative to the death of Bro. Seneca Caswell, then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

The Committee appointed to report a proper tribute of respect to the memory of our late venerable and well beloved Brother Seneca Caswell, Past Grand Tiler, of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report,

That Brother Caswell was the first Tiler of this Grand Lodge, and continued in that office until the year 1856.

He was always at his post, attentive and faithful in the discharge of his official duties.

Brother Caswell was a zealous and good Mason. When our Implements and Jewels were among the rubbish in those terrible

times which tried the souls of men and Masons, he was ever ready to espouse the cause of the Fraternity. He was not great but good, and acted well his part in life, and so conducted himself in the community and among his Brethren, that no one ever spoke evil of him, and we are assured that in obeying the summons of the Grand Master of Heaven, he has gone to everlasting refreshment in the Paradise of God, and seated at the right hand of our Supreme Grand Master, may we all by a virtuous and upright life be prepared to meet him when we shall be called to leave this Earthly Tabernacle and follow him to the silent mansions of the dead.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Caswell, Past Grand Tiler of this Grand Lodge, the Craft have lost a Brother of irreproachable character whose goodness of heart endeared him to all who knew him.

Resolved, That we sorrow with his family and relations, and as a further testimony of our respect, set apart a tablet on which shall be inscribed the name, Masonic rank, and date of the death of our departed Brother.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this report to the family of our deceased Brother.

JNO. P. FISKE,
BELA COGGSHALL,
H. A. TILLOTSON,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then presented the following report, which was accepted and taken into consideration by sections, when sections No. 1 and 2, were adopted. The question being on the adoption of No. 3, relative to the case of Bro. William Eason, it was moved to amend by remanding the case back to Greenly Lodge for a new trial, which amendment was lost. It was then moved to refer the question to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law, which was also lost. Section No. 3 of the report was then adopted; the remaining sections were then adopted *seriatim*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brothers of the Grand Lodge:

The Standing Committee on Grievances respectfully report, that they have had under consideration several matters of appeal from Subordinate Lodges.

1st. In the matter of appeal of Bro. J. P. Ritter, from sentence of expulsion, passed by J. Moors Lodge, No. 95, for unmasonic conduct in not paying over moneys in his hands as Treasurer, we find that he refused to pay the same under the mistaken idea that he had a right to hold them to pay an assumed claim against the Lodge. Since the charges he has paid the amount under protest, and so purged himself.

A Treasurer cannot apply Lodge funds in his hands to the payment of a debt due him. In so far the Brother was wrong. The sentence was too severe for the offense—especially when committed under a mistaken idea.

We therefore recommend that the sentence be absolutely reversed.

It appearing to us that the Brother is subject to other charges committed with the above matter, we recommend that the Lodge act upon the same.

2d. In the case of the appeal of Bro. E. R. Powell, from the sentence of suspension passed by Ionia Lodge, No. 36, we find that there were some irregularities in the proceedings, but the accused had notice, and though too short, he appeared and plead, was present at the trial, and the offense charged—adultery—appears to have been satisfactorily proven, we therefore recommend that this Lodge change said sentence by adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That Bro. E. R. Powell, having been charged and tried in Ionia Lodge, No. 36, for the offense of adultery, and found guilty by that Lodge, he is hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

3d. In the case of appeal of Bro. William Eason, from the sentence of suspension passed by Greenly Lodge, No. 103, we find the following facts: The Lodge met on its regular night and without closing, called from labor to refreshment to resume labor on the next Monday night and treated that meeting as a regular. At that meeting charges were preferred against the Brother, by a Brother of Adrian Lodge, No. 19, and not by a member of Greenly Lodge, No. 103. The accused appeared and had a full trial, making no regular objection on the ground of irregularities.

Your Committee are of opinion that when the Lodge was called off on the night of its regular, it was a practical closing of the Lodge. A regular cannot be adjourned, and the meeting on any other night is a special or called communication. In this respect we think the Lodge was wrong; but the Brother having appeared, we think waived the objection, gave the Lodge full jurisdiction over his person, and cannot now object for that reason.

We are of opinion that any affiliated Master Mason may be the accuser of another, and that it is not necessary he should be a member of the same Lodge. We do not think Section 4, of Article 6, of the Revised Constitution, modifies or restricts this ancient rule, and are of opinion that the rule is a land mark.

We therefore recommend that the sentence be affirmed.

4th. In the case of the appeal of Bro. D. B. Canoll, from sentence of expulsion passed by Decatur Lodge, No. 99, we find no such irregularities or lack of proofs as would justify a reversal.

We therefore recommend that the sentence be affirmed.

5th. In the case of appeal of Bro. H. D. Vandercook, from sentence of expulsion passed by Eagle Lodge, No. 124, we find no sufficient irregularities or lack of proof as to warrant any interference with the finding or sentence, and therefore recommend that the sentence be affirmed.

6th. In the case of the appeal of Bro. James G. Portman, from the action of Lyons Lodge, No. 87, in not sustaining charges against Bro. D. Millard Hendricks, we find no reason for interfering with such action, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

7th. In the matter of the appeal of Bro. James Sowles, jr., from sentence of expulsion, passed by Maple Rapids Lodge, No. 145, we find that the charges and specifications did not point out the time, place or circumstances of the matter charged, and that final action was had at a special, instead of a regular Communication, and we also find that the offense charged was a grave one. We therefore recommend that the whole matter be remitted to that Lodge, with directions that charges be at once preferred by the Junior Warden of that Lodge, notice given and the accused tried *de novo*.

8th. In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Nelson H. Batson, from the sentence of expulsion, passed by Ionia Lodge, No. 36, on the charge of seduction, it appears that the vote of expulsion was passed at a called Communication, and that the proof against the accused was the verdict of a jury in a civil action. We therefore deem the proceedings irregular, and the proof insufficient and recommend that the case be remanded to the Lodge for new trial. In the meantime the sentence to be set aside and held for nought.

9th. In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Freeman Sloan, from sentence of expulsion, passed by Ionia Lodge, No. 36, on the charge of having hired a man to whip a Brother Mason, we find that sentence was passed at a called Communication. No proofs are returned. We therefore recommend the same order as in the last above case.

10th. In the matter of the appeal of Aaron Abbott, from the sentence of indefinite suspension, passed by Maxson Lodge, No. 26, we find no sufficient cause for reversing or changing the sentence, and we therefore recommend that it be affirmed.

11th. In the matter of the memorial of William Stark, a member of Mystic Lodge, No. 141, in reference to the conduct of members of White Pigeon Lodge No. 104, we recommend that the memorial be sent to White Pigeon Lodge, with directions that the Lodge investigate the matter stated, and if found proper, make charges and proceed to the trial of the implicated Brethren.

Other cases of expulsion, etc., were presented to us, but with no evidence of appeal, we therefore return them without action.

Your Committee find that in a great majority of cases appealed to the Grand Lodge, too little regard is paid to the proper specification of charges; time, place and circumstances are not properly stated; the trials are not regular; charges are received at called Communications, and final action taken at such adjourned Communications are treated as regular, and in this way the guilty escape and the Lodges put to much unnecessary trouble. We therefore recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary, prepare and distribute to the several Lodges, proper blank forms and directions for the guidance of Lodges in these matters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM T. MITCHELL,
S. F. HUBBELL,
O. L. SPAULDING,

Committee.

The Special Committee on the death of Bro. Rev. S. S. Brown, then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the death of our worthy Brother, the Rev. Sidney S. Brown, Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, most respectfully report, that they have had the matter committed to them under consideration, and they most cordially unite in offering a tribute of respect to our departed Brother. The Rev. S. S. Brown was a Mason of long standing, and has ever been esteemed as a good man and true. He was excellent in all the relations of life. He possessed many distinguished virtues. He was ever genial, and zealous, and upright, both as a Mason and as a man. In one word, he united in his character in an eminent degree those rare virtues *suaviter in modo and fortiter in re*.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of the Rev. Sidney S. Brown Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Resolved, That by his death we have lost one of our brightest ornaments,—a good man and an upright Mason.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy and condolence to the family and relatives of our departed Brother.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to the family of the deceased a copy of this report.

Resolved, That a Memorial Page be appropriated to his memory in the published proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. H. CORSON,

D. B. TRACY,

J. BOYNTON,

Committee.

Bro. Rev. D. B. Tracy, M. Rev. Grand Chaplain, submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was approved and ordered to lay over until the next Annual Communication:

Resolved, That Section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution be amended by striking out of the third and fourth lines, the words "*in such place as may be determined at the Grand Annual Communication,*" and insert in lieu thereof, the words "*in the city of Detroit.*"

W. Bro. A. D. Crane, submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was approved and ordered to lay over until the next Annual Communication:

Amend the last paragraph of Section 2, Article VI, of the Constitution, so that it will read as follows:

For initiation, advancement or membership, one black ball rejects, but the ballot may pass a second time when only one black ball appears, to avoid mistakes.

W. Bro. D. Keeler, submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was not approved, and laid upon the table:

Amend Section 2 of Article I, by adding in the sixth line, after the word "*attend*" the words, "*and the last Past Masters of Lodges,*" also, by inserting the word "*other*" after the word "*all*" in the same line.

The Grand Lodge then took up the special order, to wit: The consideration of Bro. Czar Jones' proposed amendment of the Constitution, which is as follows:

Amend Section 2 of Article I, by inserting after the words "*Masters*," in the fifth and sixth lines, the words "*and Wardens*."

Amend Section 1 of Article II, by inserting after the word "*Master*," in the second line, the words, "*or Wardens*."

Amend Section 2, of the same article, by inserting after the word "*Masters*," in the first line, the words, "*or Wardens*."

Amend Section 3, of the same article, by inserting after the word "*Master*," in the first line, the word "*Warden*," and all other amendments (if any) necessary to constitute the Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges members of the Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the above amendments, it was moved to lay them upon the table, which motion was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law, then made the following report, which was accepted and taken into consideration:

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Masonic Law have had under consideration the several matters referred to them, and respectfully present their views on the same as follows:

In regard to the questions resolved by the M. W. G. M., we are of opinion that his answers are correct.

3. In regard to Question 3. We observe that there is a strong tendency to override the landmarks. While it is true that a good man may be rejected, by the Ancient Law, yet we are not at liberty to depart from it.

4. In regard to Question 4. We think the duty of the W. M. is substantially performed in this case by informing the candidate of his rejection and returning his money.

5. In regard to Question 5. While we agree in the correctness of the answer, we must express our surprise that any Mason should think it necessary to ask such a question.

6. In regard to Question 6. We approve of the reply to this question, but in our opinion, the M. W. Grand Master does not go far enough.

An Attorney is not only justifiable in so acting, but it is his

duty, as well as that of every good Mason and citizen to prosecute in such case.

7. In regard to the matter referred to us, coming by appeal or complaint from LaFayette Lodge, No. 16, we respectfully state, that the case as stated in the extract from the minutes of the Lodge, is not sufficiently full and precise in its recital of the facts to enable your Committee to form a satisfactory opinion.

We beg leave to state, that when any member of a Lodge even after a clear ballot, distinctly states that he objects to the conferring of the Degree, we are of opinion that his objection should have exactly the same effect as if he had cast a black ball. This is in accordance with the spirit of Masonry, and is well calculated to promote harmony.

8. On the subject of the question stated in the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula, viz: "A Bro. Fellow Craft is black balled upon his application for advancement. How soon can he apply again?"

A practice has prevailed to considerable extent to permit an application at any regular meeting thereafter. The practice we deem objectionable. A vote on advancement, does not involve any question of proficiency. Of this the W. M. is the sole judge, as he is solely responsible to the Grand Lodge for his work.

We recommend the following resolution as the sense of this Grand Lodge, for the government of this jurisdiction:

Resolved, That a vote against advancement is equivalent to a rejection of the candidate, and such action is final. The candidate may present a new petition for advancement only after two months, which must take the course of a petition for initiation.

Your Committee further report that they find it quite impossible to examine properly the codes of By-Laws referred to them, in time to report at the present session of the Grand Lodge. They therefore respectfully request to be discharged from that duty, or that they be authorized to sit during the recess of the Grand Lodge, with leave to report at the next Annual Communication thereof, on such codes as may be referred to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,

WM. L. WEBBER,

Committee.

After debate the question being upon the adoption, it was taken by sections, when sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Section 8 then being discussed, the following was adopted and substituted for it:

Resolved, That a candidate for advancement has the right to apply at every regular Communication of the Lodge, unless charges have been preferred against him.

W. Bro. Webber offered the following resolution which was not adopted:

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master of each Lodge, is the sole judge of the proficiency required for advancement, and responsible only to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master when the Grand Lodge is not in session.

The Standing Committee on Examination, then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

The Standing Committee of Examination, to whom was referred sundry applications for Charters, have had the subject matter under consideration, and after a careful examination of the By-Laws and manner of keeping the records of the various Lodges working under dispensation, do recommend that Charters be granted to the following named Lodges, now working under dispensation, to be numbered as follows:

- Portsmouth Lodge, No. 190, at Portsmouth, Saginaw Co.
- Unity Lodge, No. 191, at Holland, Ottawa Co.
- Summit Lodge, No. 192, at Buchanan, Berrien Co.
- Dutcher Lodge, No. 193, at Saugatuck, Allegan Co.
- Chesaning Lodge, No. 194, at Chesaning, Saginaw Co.
- Delta Lodge, No. 195, at Escanaba, Delta Co.
- Grattan Lodge, No. 196, at Grattan, Kent Co.
- Winfield Lodge, No. 197, at Onondaga, Ingham Co.
- Montague Lodge, No. 198, at Montague, Muskegon Co.
- Alpena Lodge, No. 199, at Alpena, Alpena Co.
- Oceana Lodge, No. 200, at Pentwater, Oceana Co.
- Algonac Lodge, No. 201, at Algonac, St. Clair Co.
- Negaunee Lodge, No. 202, at Negaunee, Marquette Co.
- Palo Lodge, No. 203, at Palo, Ionia Co.
- Coffinbury Lodge, No. 204, at Bangor, Van Buren Co.
- Vienna Lodge, No. 205, at Vienna, Genessee Co.
- Park Lodge, No. 206, at Parkville, St. Joseph Co.

Bedford Lodge, No. 207, at Bedford, Calhoun Co.
 Brady Lodge, No. 208, at Brady, Kalamazoo Co.
 Liberty Lodge, No. 209, at Liberty, Jackson Co.
 Hadley Lodge, No. 210, at Hadley, Lapeer Co.
 Hartland Lodge, No. 211, at Hartland, Livingston Co.
 Leslie Lodge, No. 212, at Leslie, Ingham Co.
 Cedar Springs Lodge, No. 213, at Cedar Springs, Kent Co.
 Peninsula Lodge, No. 214, at Dowagiac, Cass Co.
 Cato Lodge, No. 215, at Cato, Sanilac Co.
 Lawton Lodge, No. 216, at Lawton, Van Buren Co.
 Richland Lodge, No. 217, at Richland, Kalamazoo Co.
 Houghton Lodge, No. 218, at Houghton, Houghton Co.
 Cass Lodge, No. 219, at Pt. Austin, Huron Co.
 Athens Lodge, No. 220, at Athens, Calhoun Co.
 Bloomingdale Lodge, No. 221, at Bloomingdale, Van Buren Co.

With regard to Flushing and Traverse City Lodges, Under Dispensation, the Committee recommend that their Dispensations be continued until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that Portsmouth, Alpena and Lawton Lodges, receive their Charters at the former fee, viz: Fifty dollars each, (including the fee paid for their Dispensations), because your Committee are satisfied the Dispensations for said Lodges were granted while that was the Constitutional fee.

Your Committee therefore, offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That Portsmouth, Alpena and Lawton Lodges, receive their Charters for the fee of \$50 each. The fee paid by them for their Dispensations, to be applied as part of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELA COGGSHALL,

N. B. ELDRIDGE,

W. S. SEARS,

Committee on Examination.

On motion of W. Bro. Eldredge, it was

Resolved, That the special order of business at 7 o'clock this evening, shall be the Annual Election of Grand Officers.

W. Bro. A. J. Kinne, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WAEREAS, The office of Secretary of Colon Lodge, No. 73, has become vacant, Therefore,

Resolved, The said Colon Lodge, be authorized to hold an election at the next regular meeting to fill the vacancy.

On motion of W. Bro. L. D. Clapp, it was

Resolved, That the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary be five hundred dollars, for the current year.

On motion of W. Bro. N. C. Alvord, it was

Resolved, That Trenton Lodge, No. 8, be allowed to elect a Junior Warden, the Brother elected to that office having failed to appear for installation.

The Special Committee, No. 2, on the M. W. Grand Master's Address, then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to the death of Past Grand Master, Lewis Cass, respectfully report,

That we listened with close attention to the Address, and in common with every member of the Grand Lodge, were deeply impressed by the eloquent manner in which the subject was treated by the M. W. Grand Master.

He has so admirably depicted the character of the departed, so ably set forth his merits as a man, a patriot, a statesman, and a Mason, that but little is left for your Committee to do other than to assent with an abiding enthusiasm, to his utterances—feeling that those utterances were but the expression of the emotions that animate us all.

As a pioneer in the north-west whose personal dignity and commanding presence, gave him access at once to the heart of the red man; whose indomitable energy has contributed largely to convert the wilderness into one of the most prosperous and attractive regions on earth; as a soldier whose faithful performance of duty is worthy of honorable mention; as a Governor of the Territory of Michigan, whose sagacity did much to develop its resources and wisely shape its legislation; as a statesman whose wisdom was manifested for

many years in his action upon all our leading measures of National policy; as a Diplomatist whose thoroughly trained mind and skillful management of questions of international law, commanded the respect of foreign Cabinets; as a scholar whose forensic and other productions, have rendered him the peer of the ablest Parliamentarians of any Era, and whose virtues as a man and a Mason, won the love of all who knew him.

Gen. Lewis Cass has made his mark on the age he lived in.

As an expression of the sentiments of this Grand Lodge, who revere his memory as their beloved first Grand Master, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we regard the character of Gen. Lewis Cass with profound veneration.

2d. That in all his public relations, his career has been one of eminent distinction.

3d. That his place in history is one that we believe will flourish in perennial bloom, because earned by solid merit and Christian virtue.

4th. That in all the relations of private life, his example is worthy of our highest esteem, because without a shadow of reproach.

5th. That in a long life spent in great part in the midst of political corruptions, he preserved his integrity; in the midst of social errors, he lived a life of temperance and purity.

6th. That as a Mason, his acts illustrated his principles.

7th. That we humbly trust by imitating his virtues, that we may meet him in that Grand Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

8th. That a Memorial Tablet in our proceedings be inscribed to his memory.

9th. That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed by the Grand Secretary, and presented to his family.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
W. T. MITCHELL,
LOVEL MOORE.

Committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer, be paid

Eight Hundred Dollars, for his salary for the ensuing year, in full for his services, the same to be payable quarterly.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge, be, and are hereby extended to the Brethren of the city of Adrian, for their courtesy and hospitality, in entertaining its members.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be paid for the use of the Masonic Hall, for the session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of M. W. Lovel Moore, it was

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be paid to the Grand Steward and Tiler, for his services the past year, exclusive of his mileage and per diem.

On motion of W. Bro. W. L. Webber, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana, the Grand Trunk, the Detroit and Milwaukee, the Flint and Holly and the Flint and Pere Marquette Rail Roads, and the Superintendents of said Companies, for their courtesy in furnishing free return passes to its members.

On motion of W. Bro. Fiske, it was

Resolved, That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be paid to the M. W. Grand Master, for incidental expenses incurred by him during the past year.

The Standing Committee on Accounts then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

The Standing Committee on Accounts, to whom was submitted the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave

to report that they have examined said accounts and find them correct; which accounts are herewith returned.

And your Committee further report that they find now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, the sum of \$5,634.42; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, the sum of \$510.00, (exclusive of the revenue of the present session), making a total sum of \$6,144.42.

Your Committee further report that there is due to Messrs. Richmond & Backus, for Stationery, the sum of \$26.16, and recommend its payment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. FITZGERALD,
M. H. MAYNARD,
D. M. BATEMAN,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. H. Knill, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to the Detroit Free Press Company, for their courtesy in furnishing the Grand Lodge with copies of their paper, free of charge.

On motion of W. Bro. A. I. Sawyer, it was

Resolved, That the powers of the Worshipful Master, in rejecting members of his Lodge, be referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.

On motion of M. W. Wm. T. Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That that part of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, referring to Masonic courtesy and interchange of the tokens of Brotherly love, between Brethren heretofore sundered by the recent rebellion, be referred to a Special Committee of five, to consider and report on the same during this session.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. W. T. Mitchell, O. L. Spalding, L. Moore, Geo. C. Munroe and N. B. Eldredge.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING — 7 O'CLOCK.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor; when,

On motion of W. Brother N. B. Eldredge, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that all persons who have taken the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degrees, more than one year ago, and have failed to ask to be advanced, ought to pay the fees now charged for such Degrees as they have not yet taken, where the Lodges have been obliged to increase the fees in consequence of the Constitution adopted at the last Communication.

The Special Committee appointed this afternoon on that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address referring to Masonic Courtesy and Tokens of Brotherly Love between Brethren heretofore sundered by the recent rebellion, then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted unanimously:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address, referring to Masonic Courtesy, and the interchange of Tokens of Brotherly Love between Brethren heretofore sundered by the recent rebellion, respectfully report

That as Citizens and Masons we have ever condemned and ever shall condemn the treason that forced upon this country that most unjustifiable rebellion, and we equally condemn all those who, now that the war is closed, do not heartily return to their allegiance, and in all respects support the laws of the country. Yet, toward those who have suffered by the desolations of war we feel that all true Masons should extend the fraternal hand and cover their failings, so far as duty as citizens will permit, with the mantle of Masonic Charity. That we cordially endorse that portion of said Address

and recommend to our brethren throughout this jurisdiction, and wherever dispersed, the earnest suggestions of our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

W. T. MITCHELL,
O. L. SPAULDING,
L. MOORE,
GEO. C. MUNRO,
N. B. ELDREDGE.

Resolved, That two thousand copies of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address, together with the report of the Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of said Address that alludes to our Brethren of the States lately in rebellion, be published in a separate pamphlet.

On motion of Bro. H. Knill, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be and are hereby extended to the ladies of Adrian who have kindly entertained and administered to the temporal wants of those brethren who could not be accommodated at the Hotels.

The Special Committee on the State Soldiers' Monument, then presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the erection of a State Soldiers' Monument, respectfully report the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

Resolved. That this Grand Lodge has listened with pleasure to the eloquent address of Rev. Bro. Geo. Taylor, appealing for the co-operation of all Patriots in the erection of a Monument in memory of Michigan's chivalrous and heroic dead, who died in defence of liberty and their country, and inviting the Grand Lodge and the Brethren throughout the State, to join on the Fourth of July next, in laying the corner stone of the noble Monument proposed to be erected.

Resolved, That we accept the invitation, cordially endorse every effort in aid of the structure, and in token of our sympathy with those engaged in raising funds for that object, this Grand Lodge hereby appropriates the sum of One Hundred Dollars, to be paid to

any authorized agent of the Monument Committee, and we cordially recommend a liberal consideration of the subject to all Subordinate Lodges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. MITCHELL,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
GEO. C. MUNROE,
Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred Section 7 of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's Address as refers to the Circular Letter from a Committee appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in regard to a plan for the endowment of a Great Central National Masonic University, addressed to and received by him, most respectfully report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and given it that attention which the magnitude of the subject would seem to demand, so far as the short period of time allowed them would permit. Although they agree perfectly with the Committee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, that the good likely to result from the success of the plan set forth would be incalculable, and that its grandeur and utility must readily be preceived and admitted by all, yet that in the opinion of your Committee the whole thing is simply impracticable. So long as our present system of educational facilities from the primary school to our noble University shall remain—almost as free as the air we breathe—we as Masons or citizens can ask for nothing more—nothing better so far as regards our educational interest.

We therefore recommend that the M. W. Grand Lodge, most respectfully decline any further action or participation in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. L. GREENLY
Chairman.

The Grand Lodge then took up the Special Order, to wit: the Annual Election of Grand Officers; Bros. Hayden

S. C. COFFINBURY, of Constantine,	M. W. Grand Master.
A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
A. PARTRIDGE, of Birmingham,	R. W. S. Grand Warden.
DAVID WRIGHT, of Austin,	R. W. J. Grand Warden.
RUFUS W. LANDON, of Niles,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
S. BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh,	R. W. G. Visitor & Lecturer.

THOMAS U. FLANNER, of Hancock,	R. W. District Deputy G. M. for the Upper Peninsula.
REV. GEO. TAYLOR, of Ann Arbor,	M. R. Grand Chaplain.
E. R. LANDON, of Detroit,	W. S. Grand Deacon.
JAMES W. GILBERT, of Detroit, . .	W. Grand Architect.
P. B. HAIGHT, of Ionia,	W. J. Grand Deacon.
D. R. STROUD, of Hudson,	Grand Marshal.
A. J. CUMMINGS, of St. Clair, . . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
NATHAN MANLY, of Deerfield, . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
W. V. GRIFFITH, of Detroit,	Grand Steward and Tiler.

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Section 9 of the Grand Master's Address, on the subject of a Masonic Building, have leave to report at the next Annual Communication.

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FRIDAY MORNING — 8 o'CLOCK.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to Labor, when the Special Committee on Section 1 of the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT,

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, referring to the death of our lamented Brother, Past Grand Master, Levi Cook, respectfully report that no language your Committee can use could add to the eloquent and truthful eulogy pronounced by our Most Worshipful Grand Master in his Annual Address to this body, and we recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt that part of his address, as fully expressive of the sense of this body, and that the following resolutions be adopted:

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased Brother, our heartfelt commiseration, and with them shed the sympathetic tear.

Resolved, That in token of the sorrow of the whole Brotherhood in this State, the several Lodges are recommended to drape their Altars and Jewels in mourning for the space of three months.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions and of said address, to the family of our deceased Brother.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. MITCHELL,
GEO. C. MUNROE,
WM. L. GREENLY,
Committee.

On motion of M. W. Wm. T. Mitchell, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That any and every Lodge that shall not make the required return, and pay over its Grand Lodge dues on or before the

first day of January, in any year, shall not be represented in the Grand Lodge for that year, except on special permission of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Lodges with their returns shall send to the Grand Secretary the name of any Representative who may be elected, and the Grand Secretary shall make out a list or roll of Representatives from such returns, and if upon calling the roll a quorum of Representatives appear to be present, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to business without further delay.

The following resolution was offered, but was not adopted:

Resolved, That the fact that an applicant for the Second Degree, has been mutilated by wounds or by amputation of the left hand or arm, below the elbow, who is capable of receiving and imparting instruction and of making himself known as a Mason, and of giving the several grips, shall not prevent his election as a candidate for the Second Degree of Masonry in the Blue Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure the printing of the transactions, and such other matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having reference in his contract as well to the price, as to the time of performance.

There being no further business, the Communication of the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in AMPLE FORM, after solemn prayer by the Worshipful and Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST:

[SEAL.]

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jas. G. Fenton". The signature is written in dark ink and is the central focus of the lower half of the page.

Grand Secretary.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LODGES

ARE HELD EVERY MONTH, ON THE DAYS FOLLOWING *on or before* THE
FULL MOON, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
1. Wednesday.	40. Friday.	84. Saturday.
2. Tuesday.	41. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	85. Wednesday.
3. Monday.	44. Thursday.	86. Tuesday.
4. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	46. Thursday.	88. Wednesday.
5. Tuesday.	47. Friday.	89. Wednesday.
6. Wednesday.	48. Tuesday.	90. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
7. Friday.	49. Monday. [day.	91. Thursday.
8. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.	50. 1st and 3d Wednes-	92. Saturday.
9. Wednesday.	51. Monday.	93. Wednesday.
10. Saturday.	52. Wednesday.	94. Monday.
11. Monday.	54. Tuesday.	95. Tuesday.
12. Tuesday.	55. Wednesday.	96. Monday.
13. Tuesday.	56. Thursday.	97. Monday.
14. Third Monday.	57. Tuesday.	98. Monday.
16. Thursday.	58. Thursday.	99. Tuesday.
17. 2d and 4th Thursday.	59. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.	100. Wednesday.
18. First Tuesday.	60. Thursday,	101. First Tuesday.
19. Wednesday.	61. Wednesday.	102. Wednesday.
20. Friday.	62. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	103. Monday.
21. Friday.	63. Monday.	104. Tuesday.
22. Wednesday.	64. Friday.	105. Monday.
23. Monday.	65. Friday.	106. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
24. Saturday.	66. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.	107. First Tuesday.
25. Tuesday.	67. Second Tuesday.	108. Second Wednesday.
26. Monday.	68. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	109. Wednesday.
27. Wednesday.	69. Friday.	110. Monday.
28. Saturday.	70. Wednesday.	111. First Wednesday.
29. Friday.	73. Saturday.	112. Monday.
30. Tuesday.	74. Tuesday.	113. Wednesday.
31. Tuesday.	75. Monday <i>before</i> ☉.	114. Tuesday.
32. Tuesday.	76. Tuesday.	115. Tuesday.
33. Thursday.	77. Tuesday.	116. First Friday.
34. Wednesday.	78. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	117. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.
35. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	79. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	118. Monday.
36. Wednesday.	80. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	119. Wednesday.
37. Monday.	81. Wednesday.	120. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.
38. Wednesday.	82. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	121. Thursday.
39. Wednesday.	83. Thursday.	122. Thursday.

REGULAR MEETINGS— (*Continued.*)

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
123. Wednesday.	154. Thursday.	191. Wednesday.
124. Tuesday.	155. Monday.	192. Monday.
125. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	156. Tuesday.	193. ———
126. Tuesday.	157. Tuesday.	194. Thursday.
127. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	158. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	195. Third Saturday.
128. Thursday.	159. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	196. Saturday.
129. Wednesday.	160. Tuesday.	197. Saturday.
130. Thursday.	161. Wednesday.	198. Tuesday.
131. Thursday.	162. Saturday.	199. Wednesday.
132. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	163. Monday.	200. Tuesday.
133. Tuesday.	164. Saturday.	201. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.
134. Friday.	166. Thursday.	202. Tuesday.
135. First Tuesday.	167. Tuesday.	203. Tuesday.
136. Monday.	168. Tuesday.	204. Thursday.
137. Thursday.	169. Monday.	205. Tuesday.
138. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	170. Monday.	206. Thursday.
139. Wednesday.	171. Thursday.	207. Friday.
140. Monday.	172. Saturday.	208. Saturday.
141. Saturday.	173. Monday.	209. Tuesday.
142. Saturday.	174. Wednesday.	210. Wednesday.
143. Thursday.	175. Saturday.	211. Thursday.
144. Thursday.	176. First Wednesday.	212. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
145. Tuesday.	177. Friday.	213. Tuesday.
146. Monday.	179. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	214. Monday.
147. Thursday.	180. Saturday.	215. ———
148. Monday.	181. Tuesday.	216. Saturday.
149. Saturday.	187. Saturday.	217. Monday.
150. Wednesday.	188. Thursday.	218. Fourth Monday.
151. Wednesday.	189. Monday.	219. ———
152. Friday.	190. Tuesday.	220. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.

EXPULLED.

NAMES.	LODGES.	NO.	CAUSE.
Charles H. Locke,	Union of S. O.,	3 . . .	u. m. c.
J. C. Corbishley,	Evergreen,	9 . . .	u. m. c.
H. A. Beaton,	Pine Grove,	11 . . .	u. m. c.
L. G. Bragg,	Paw Paw,	25 . . .	u. m. c.
C. A. Peters,	Portland,	31 . . .	u. m. c.
A. Corvill,	Fidelity,	32 . . .	u. m. c.
George W. Hendricks, . . .	Ionia,	36 . . .	u. m. c.
Freeman Sloan,	Ionia,	36 . . .	u. m. c.
Reuben Reynolds,	Ionia,	36 . . .	u. m. c.
Nelson H. Batson,	Ionia,	36 . . .	u. m. c.
Wm. B. Selleck,	Plymouth Rock,	47 . . .	u. m. c.
Geo. Cameron,	Utica,	75 . . .	u. m. c.
C. A. Carpenter,	Otsego,	78 . . .	u. m. c.
D. B. Raymer,	Otsego,	78 . . .	u. m. c.
Nelson P. Whipple,	Lake St. Clair,	82 . . .	u. m. c.
A. J. Truare,	Charity,	94 . . .	u. m. c.
R. B. Griffin,	Charity,	94 . . .	u. m. c.
J. P. Ritter,	J. Moors,	95 . . .	u. m. c.
J. T. Layton,	J. Moors,	95 . . .	u. m. c.
D. B. Canoll,	Decatur,	99 . . .	u. m. c.
John Elston,	St. Johns,	105 . . .	u. m. c.
A. Forbes,	Blissfield,	114 . . .	u. m. c.
H. D. Vandercook,	Eagle,	124 . . .	u. m. c.
W. C. Leach,	Linden,	132 . . .	u. m. c.
W. D. Ludington,	Pt. Hope,	138 . . .	u. m. c.
James Sowle, jr.,	Maple Rapids,	145 . . .	u. m. c.
A. Smart,	Salina,	155 . . .	u. m. c.
George Rose,	Adams,	189 . . .	u. m. c.

SUSPENDED.

NAMES.	LODGES.	NO.	CAUSE.
Thomas B. Mott,	Detroit,	2 . . .	u. m. c.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES,

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WITH
THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATES.	SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	William D. Blocher,	Little Rock.
California,	Alexander D. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thomas B. Harria,	Hamilton, C. W.
Connecticut,	John W. Paul,	Waterbury.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Central City.
Delaware,	Benjamin N. Ogle,	Delaware City.
District of Columbia,	Noble D. Larnier,	Washington.
Florida,	Hugh A. Corley,	Tallahassee.
Georgia,	Simri Rose,	Macon.
Illinois,	Harman G. Reynolds,	Springfield.
Indiana,	William Hacker,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	T. S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Greensburg.
Kansas,	E. T. Carr,	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana,	Samuel L. Todd,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Charles W. Moore,	Boston.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	R. W. T. Daniel,	Natchez.
Minnesota,	C. W. Carpenter,	St. Paul.
New Hampshire,	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin, D. D.,	New York.
North Carolina,	William T. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nebraska,	J. N. Wise,	Plattsmouth.
Nevada,	Robert H. Taylor,	Virginia City.
Nova Scotia,	Chas. J. McDonald,	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	T. McF. Patton,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	John Thompson,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Charles D. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	A. G. Mackey, M. D.,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	Charles A. Fuller,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringham,	Houston.
Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Poultmond.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Poultney.
Wisconsin,	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
Au Grand Orient de France, rue Cadet, No. 16.		a Paris.

1867. TABULAR STATEMENT, for the Year ending December 27th, 1866.

No.	LODGES.	W. MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Am't Dues.	REMARKS.
1	Zion,.....	Thos. McGregor, ..	Detroit,.....	32	1	.....	.....	29	1	217	\$ 83 25	.....
2	Detroit,.....	W. F. Moore,	Detroit,.....	45	1	.....	1	19	.....	290	114 00	.....
3	Union of S. O., ..	Levi T. Griffin, ..	Detroit,.....	31	4	1	.....	34	3	241	79 50	.....
4	St. Jos. Valley, ..	Wm. Graves,	Niles,	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	98	34 50	.....
5	Rochester,.....	J. V. Lamberton, ..	Rochester, ..	4	4	.....	5	12	1	62	17 50	.....
6	Mt. Clemens, ..	Thos. M. Crocker, ..	Mt. Clemens, ..	6	7	.....	.....	3	.....	63	21 25	.....
7	Washington, ..	A. D. Eldred,	Tekonsha, ..	10	5	.....	.....	4	2	60	24 25	.....
8	Trenton,.....	N. C. Alvord,	Trenton,.....	12	1	.....	.....	7	.....	66	23 50	.....
9	Evergreen,	D. D. O'Dell,	St. Clair,.....	16	1	1	.....	4	1	92	37 50	.....
10	Dowagiac,	A. H. Mason,	Dowagiac, ..	12	18	7	7	9	.....	86	37 75	.....
11	Pine Grove,	E. W. Harris,	Port Huron, ..	15	4	1	3	12	3	120	42 00	.....
12	Battle Creek, ..	A. B. Powell,	Battle Creek, ..	12	5	.....	.....	8	2	109	36 50	.....
13	Phoenix,.....	C. F. Ashley,	Ypsilanti,.....	13	9	.....	.....	15	1	190	50 25	.....
14	Murat,.....	W. V. Morrison, ..	Albion,	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98	30 00	.....
16	Lafayette,	Geo. Krapp,	Jonesville, ..	21	30	.....	11	12	1	160	56 00	.....
17	Jackson,	D. Keeler,	Jackson,.....	28	14	.....	.....	17	.....	218	72 50	.....
18	Tyre,.....	D. Bovee,	Coldwater, ..	22	13	1	.....	22	.....	228	80 00	.....
19	Adrian,.....	John W. Finch,	Adrian,.....	42	23	.....	2	10	2	230	95 75	.....
20	St. Albans,	H. A. Tillotson, ..	Marshall,.....	18	3	.....	.....	26	.....	112	44 00	.....
21	Pontiac,.....	Mark Walter,	Pontiac,.....	26	6	.....	.....	20	1	207	73 75	.....
22	Kalamazoo,	O. T. Blood,	Kalamazoo, ..	31	17	.....	13	14	.....	177	69 00	.....
23	Flint,.....	S. C. Randall,	Flint,.....	27	19	.....	.....	23	2	138	63 50	.....
24	Mt. Hermon,	L. A. Clapp,	Centreville, ..	7	.....	.....	8	4	1	58	23 00	.....
25	Paw Paw,.....	H. L. Eggleston, ..	Paw Paw,.....	41	10	1	.....	1	1	101	37 00	.....
26	Maxson,	A. J. Skutt,	Hudson,.....	22	9	.....	1	6	.....	130	51 00	.....
27	Monroe,.....	A. I. Sawyer, M. D.	Monroe,.....	8	5	.....	.....	14	2	113	35 25	.....

28	Union,	A. B. Alken,	Union City,
29	Humanity,	Frank Mead,	Homer,
30	Concord,	A. J. Paddock,	Concord,
31	Portland,	Geo. Hill, Jr.,	Portland,
32	Fidelity,	J. Babcock,	Hillsdale,
33	Lansing,	J. P. Cowles,	Lansing,
34	Grand River,	L. H. Randall,	Gr'd Rapids,
35	Siloam,	Rev. D. Lantz,	Constantine,
36	Ionia,	P. B. Haight,	Ionia,
37	Lyons,	D. C. Spaulding,	Lyons,
38	Howell,	J. T. Titus,	Howell,
39	Western Star,	E. A. Brown,	Berrien,
40	Franklin,	John E. White,	Litchfield,
41	Romeo,	Isaac Crawford,	Romeo,
44	Birmingham,	E. W. Reynolds,	Birmingham,
46	Orion,	W. E. Littell,	Orion,
47	Plymouth Rock,	W. E. Smith,	Plymouth,
48	Austin,	Bela Cogshall,	Austin,
49	Meridian Sun,	Nelson J. Packard,	Sturgis,
50	Michigan,	H. F. Knapp,	Jackson,
51	Almont,	DeWitt Hallock,	Almont,
52	Hastings,	T. Phillips,	Hastings,
54	Lapeer,	C. S. Hicks,	Lapeer,
55	Backus,	S. S. Chapman,	Cassopolis,
56	Occidental,	A. B. Leeds,	St. Joseph,
57	Three Rivers,	W. H. Warren,	Three Rivers
58	Pt. Huron,	F. L. Wells,	Port Huron,
59	Climax,	L. W. Lovell,	Climax,
60	Cedar,	John T. Peter,	Clarkston,
61	Lexington,	N. Wolfel,	Lexington,
62	S. Ward,	N. S. Boynton,	Marine City,
63	Eaton Rapids,	Geo. B. Hamlin,	Eaton Rapids
64	Macomb,	Henry Bennett,	Brooklyn,
65	Washtenaw,	A. D. Crane,	Dexter,
66	Capital of S. O.,	W. H. Pinckney,	Lansing,

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No.	LODGES.	W. MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Am't Dues.	REMARKS.
67	Ontonagon,	Samuel Bassett, . . .	Ontonagon, . . .	7	7	.....	.....	5	.....	50	\$ 20 00	.....
68	Buchanan,	Charles Clark, . . .	Buchanan, . . .	8	21	.....	1	.....	.....	103	27 75	.....
69	Tecumseh,	A. Hanford,	Tecumseh, . . .	24	8	.....	.....	8	.....	138	54 50	.....
70	Mason,	G. W. Huntington, . .	Mason,	11	11	.....	.....	10	.....	74	32 50	.....
73	Colon,	W. E. Green,	Colon,	10	3	.....	.....	6	.....	74	24 00	.....
74	Dundee,	H. Watling,	Dundee,	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	19 00	.....
75	Utica,	P. A. Knight,	Utica,	9	3	1	.....	17	.....	78	27 75	.....
76	Livingston,	M. F. Darrow,	Pinckney, . . .	17	2	.....	.....	6	.....	95	36 50	.....
77	Saginaw,	Mark Hodgeson, . . .	E. Saginaw, . .	21	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	106	45 75	.....
78	Otsego,	Willard Higgins, . . .	Otsego,	3	13	2	9	13	2	65	20 50	.....
79	Germania,	M. C. T. Plessner, . .	Saginaw City	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	28	8 75	.....
80	Byron,	Warren Clough, . . .	Byron,	4	4	.....	10	1	.....	78	17 25	.....
81	Owosso,	H. C. Knill,	Owosso,	4	5	.....	.....	11	.....	65	21 75	.....
82	Lake St. Clair, . . .	Wm. Randall,	N. Baltimore	6	6	1	.....	5	.....	54	19 00	.....
83	Bellevue,	R. B. Hughes,	Bellevue, . . .	17	1	.....	.....	5	.....	34	25 50	.....
84	Oxford,	L. W. Stanton,	Oxford,	10	7	.....	.....	3	.....	63	24 75	.....
85	Ann Arbor,	Jonathan Sprague, . .	Ann Arbor, . . .	15	12	.....	.....	4	1	49	45 00	.....
86	Valley City,	W. K. Wheeler,	Gr'd Rapids, . .	29	7	.....	.....	13	.....	137	64 50	.....
88	Butler,	A. Lampman,	Butler,	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	28	7 00	.....
89	Myrtle,	J. C. Merrill,	Bellevue, . . .	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	74	19 00	.....
90	Lowell,	Sylvester Brown, . . .	Lowell,	13	7	.....	.....	11	.....	97	85 00	.....
91	Ashlar,	Jas. Findlater,	Detroit,	31	4	.....	.....	11	.....	149	56 00	.....
92	Prairie,	M. W. Alfred,	Galesburg, . . .	11	21	.....	1	11	.....	59	25 00	.....
93	Star,	Caleb Green,	Osseo,	14	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	60	28 25	.....
94	Charity,	J. W. Gilbert,	Detroit,	26	5	2	.....	16	1	104	82 00	.....
95	J. Moors,	F. N. Butler,	Morenci,	7	8	2	.....	5	1	57	19 25	.....

	14	17	12	71	\$
96 Greenville,	Greenville,				
97 Niles,	Niles,	1		88	84 00
98 Waterford,	Waterford,	2		45	12 50
99 Decatur,	Decatur,	6	1	71	31 25
100 Oakwood,	Oakwood,	19	8	58	80 75
101 Marquette,	Marquette,	11	10	75	80 75
102 Blanchard,	Petersburgh,	5	7	53	17 50
103 Greenly,	Adrian,	80	21	185	77 75
104 White Pigeon,	W. Pigeon,	10	6	81	27 75
105 St. Johns,	O. L. Spaulding,	10	1	115	84 00
106 St. Peters,	Moses H. Lee,	4	1	65	19 50
107 Eureka,	H. S. Noble,	3	3	51	15 25
108 Rockland,	R. H. Osborne,	9	7	70	27 50
109 Fentonville,	Asa Reynolds,	16	9	180	60 25
110 Hiram,	F. Rheinhardt,	13	4	94	31 75
111 Allegan,	W. M. Corbett,	8	1	59	21 25
112 Wayne,	Gilman Walker,	9	3	70	28 25
113 Hamilton,	Isaac Hopper,	3	9	102	28 00
114 Blissfield,	W. M. Corbit,	8	1	59	19 25
115 Coruna,	S. Pettibone,	12	6	87	85 50
116 Excelsior,	Samuel Bunker,	16	8	79	33 50
117 Reading,	A. B. Strong,	8	20	101	83 00
118 Schoolcraft,	D. Duncan,	10		75	27 25
119 Rising Sun,	E. C. Hurd,	6	11	53	21 75
120 Charlotte,	E. S. Lacey,	16	8	105	87 25
121 Commerce,	T. A. Smith,	8	4	62	23 75
122 Ottawa,	Thos. Lowe,	12	1	75	27 00
123 Ithica,	W. W. Comstock,	12	4	38	20 75
124 Eagle,	A. Bordner,	9	3	84	30 00
125 Fairfield,	F. Grundy,	12	4	89	36 25
126 Forest,	Charles Heiden,	5	14	81	17 50
127 Ovid,	Wm. H. Faxon,	5	14	81	24 00
128 Ypsilanti,	C. B. Bush,	21	6	97	39 75
129 Bay City,	Rev. C. P. Nash,	9	2	73	27 25
130 Stockbridge,	H. Gregory,	8	5	57	31 75

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131	Newaygo,	James Herron,	Newaygo, ..	6	4	8	44	\$ 18 25
132	Linden,	J. B. Hyatt,	Linden,	6	2	1	7	2	72	22 75
133	Saline,	Myron Webb,	Saline,	7	5	.....	.....	6	.....	72	21 75	.....
134	Holly,	A. P. Waldo,	Holly,	11	6	.....	.....	10	1	80	24 75	.....
135	Quincy,	John Duncan,	Hancock, L.S.	12	24	.....	.....	15	.....	71	27 50	.....
136	Pokagon,	J. E. Garwood,	Pokagon, ..	4	2	.....	.....	2	.....	51	16 75	.....
137	Mendon,	H. C. Clapp,	Mendon, ..	17	.....	.....	1	10	.....	41	29 00	.....
138	Pt. Hope,	A. J. Mathewson,	Pt. Hope, ..	14	10	1	.....	2	.....	43	26 00	.....
139	Grand Haven,	Chas. Reynolds,	Gr'd Haven,	15	6	.....	1	7	.....	75	29 50	.....
140	Muskegon,	C. J. Hamilton,	Muskegon, ..	20	20	.....	1	8	1	110	44 25	.....
141	Mystic,	Milo C. Clark,	Bronson, ..	15	6	.....	.....	28	.....	87	35 25	.....
142	Memphis,	R. B. King,	Memphis, ..	12	8	.....	.....	20	.....	87	32 75	.....
143	Harmony,	W. S. Hathaway,	Burke's Cor's	7	2	.....	.....	7	.....	62	23 00	.....
144	Russell,	Geo. Kirkland,	Erie,	5	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	40	16 25	.....
145	Maple Rapids,	G. Herrendeen,	Maple Ra ds,	3	3	1	.....	5	.....	61	18 50	.....
146	Boston,	W. Dowdman,	Saranac, ..	12	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	83	32 00	.....
147	Warren,	Edward A. Gay,	Hudson,	11	3	.....	.....	3	.....	55	22 25	.....
148	Manchester,	P. F. Blosser,	Manchester, ..	19	6	.....	.....	5	.....	63	20 00	.....
149	United,	E. H. Glenn,	Cooper,	7	3	.....	.....	6	.....	60	20 00	.....
150	Dryden,	N. B. Eldredge, 2d,	Dryden,	10	3	.....	.....	5	1	59	21 75	.....
151	Farmington,	J. H. Smith,	Farmington, ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 25	.....
152	Redford,	G. M. F. Davis,	Redford, ..	11	2	.....	1	.....	.....	58	24 50	.....
153	Williamston,	J. W. Waldo,	Williamston ..	11	2	.....	.....	4	.....	44	17 00	.....
154	Saginaw Valley,	D. M. Bennett,	Saginaw City	11	8	.....	.....	11	.....	52	22 25	.....
155	Salina,	M. W. Quackenbush	Salina,	8	5	1	.....	17	2	62	19 25	.....
156	Olive,	J. M. Congdon,	Chelsen,	13	3	.....	.....	5	.....	54	24 00	.....

	8	1	.....	8	70	\$	24	50	.....
157 Addison,	8	1	.....	8	61	31	25	.....	Addison,
158 Star of Lake,	18	4	.....	11	75	47	25	.....	Homer Dunn,
159 Golden Rule,	23	3	.....	5	47	25	25	.....	Robert J. Price,
160 Dansville,	13	4	.....	6	95	29	00	.....	M. M. Atwood,
161 North Newburg,	15	1	.....	8	37	11	50	.....	N. Newberg,
162 Coloma,	2	.....	.....	10	41	25	00	.....	J. M. Gorham,
163 Cass River,	15	5	.....	5	67	12	00	.....	John L. Marvin,
164 Fowlerville,	11	2	.....	5	86	29	25	.....	Ira C. Kibbee,
165 Milford,	28	1	.....	12	70	44	00	.....	H. N. Spencer,
166 Mt. Vernon,	23	5	.....	12	42	18	00	.....	J. F. Pickering,
167 Tracy,	9	1	.....	.....	55	28	50	.....	M. Hawley,
168 Temple,	16	3	.....	.....	57	37	75	.....	N. Manly,
169 Brooklyn,	24	12	.....	8	46	19	25	.....	R. Kimball,
170 Wyandotte,	10	.....	.....	20	47	29	75	.....	W. S. Culver,
171 Big Rapids,	15	.....	.....	12	84	19	50	.....	J. S. VanAlstyne,
172 Dearborn,	9	2	.....	17	43	19	00	.....	Charlie Gay,
173 Evening Star,	7	.....	.....	2	59	36	75	.....	Jas. Travis,
174 Genesee,	29	.....	.....	10	57	27	00	.....	Chester R. Lyon,
175 Clinton,	17	1	.....	.....	19	14	50	.....	J. B. Newton,
176 Hillsdale,	14	1	.....	3	35	15	75	.....	Geo. Runyan,
177 Croton,	10	.....	.....	4	43	40	25	.....	R. A. Everett,
178 Tuscan,	9	.....	.....	2	23	18	50	.....	A. Truesdell,
179 Grand Lodge,	33	1	.....	11	27	22	25	.....	Wm. Reynolds,
180 Pilgrim,	14	1	.....	6	21	25	00	.....	Geo. W. Thomas,
181 Orangeville,	21	3	.....	6	35	33	50	.....	John F. O'Dell,
182 Lovel Moore,	16	.....	.....	4	27	22	25	.....	Eli Nichols,
183 Parma,	29	2	.....	2	35	33	50	.....	R. P. Easton,
184 Palmyra,	15	1	.....	16	21	18	75	.....	R. Landon,
185 Pleasant Lake,	11	.....	.....	4	20	14	25	.....	W. G. Smith,
186 Northville,	15	1	.....	5	44	26	25	.....	H. B. Hawley,
187 Richmond,	8	1	.....	14	88	16	75	.....	A. L. Stevens,
188 St. Louis,	15	.....	.....	4	27	20	25	.....	Beebe's Co's
189 Adams,	15	2	.....	1	50	24	25	.....	O. A. Everden,
			.....	.....				.....	St. Louis,
			.....	.....				.....	N. Adams,
			.....	.....				.....	N. G. Vreeland,

	LODGES.	W. MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Mem.	Am't Dues.	REMARKS.
U. D.	Portsmouth,	Geo. Lewis,	Portsmouth,	18	1	1	1	14	1	45	\$ 21 50	\$20 for Charter.
U. D.	Houghton,	Thos N. Lee, Jr.,	Houghton,	24	1	1	1	5	1	34	29 50	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Richland,	Dan'l L. Johnson	Yorkville,	16	1	1	1	11	1	23	32 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Unity,	G. Laudell,	Holland,	17	1	1	1	5	1	30	19 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Traverse City,	Chas. W. Day,	Trav'se City,	17	1	1	1	5	1	30	19 50	Disp. Continued.
U. D.	Summit,	N. Hamilton,	Buchanan,	17	1	1	1	1	1	13	22 25	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Dutcher,	Thos. B. Dutcher,	Douglas,	17	1	1	1	12	1	13	20 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Lawton,	Geo. C. Love,	Lawton,	9	1	1	1	10	1	17	9 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Chesaning,	J. J. Austin,	Chesaning,	13	1	1	1	4	1	20	18 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Delta,	Freeman Chase,	Escanaba,	25	1	1	1	6	1	16	31 25	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Athens,	L. B. Smith,	Athens,	13	1	1	1	1	1	16	17 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Grattan,	John Davis,	White Swan,	17	1	1	1	12	1	20	21 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Bloomingsdale,	Sam'l Holmes,	Bloom'dale,	10	1	1	1	6	1	20	12 25	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Winfield,	G. Hutchings,	Winfield,	10	1	1	1	6	1	20	12 25	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Montague,	G. E. Downing,	Montague,	28	13	1	1	3	1	13	13 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Leslie,	O. D. Ford,	Leslie,	18	3	1	1	3	1	26	31 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Alpena,	W. P. Maiden,	Alpena,	12	1	1	1	2	1	12	22 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Flushing,	H. A. Cameron,	Flushing,	18	1	1	1	4	1	10	22 00	Disp. Continued.
U. D.	Ocean,	Rev. J. Boynton,	Pentwater,	18	1	1	1	4	1	10	22 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Algonac,	J. Kendall,	Algonac,	10	1	1	1	1	1	9	2 25	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Negaunee,	P. B. Kirkwood,	Negaunee,	10	1	1	1	1	1	11	12 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Palo,	E. D. Young,	Palo,	5	1	1	1	2	1	17	14 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Coffinbury,	E. A. Briggs,	Bangor,	2	1	1	1	2	1	14	6 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Cato,	John Tennant,	Forestville,	2	1	1	1	1	1	10	4 50	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Hartland,	O. B. Chambers,	Hartland,	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	5 50	\$50 for Charter.
U. D.	Chas.,	N. Stoddard,	Pl. Austin,	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	5 50	\$50 for Charter.

U. D. Vienna,	Russell Johnson, Pine Run, ..	9	11	8	11	\$ 11 25	\$50 for Charter.
U. D. Cedar Springs, ..	C. S. Ford,	11	11	2	11	12 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D. Park,	S. B. Bickford, ..	4	8		8	5 75	\$50 for Charter.
U. D. Peninsula, ..	Arthur Smith, ..	3	14		14	8 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D. Bedford, ..	Isaac Hall,	3	11		11	8 00	\$50 for Charter.
U. D. Brady,	John W. Baker, ..		8		8		\$50 for Charter.
U. D. Hadley,	Lucius Fitch, ..		7		7		\$50 for Charter.
U. D. Liberty,	H. C. Kimball, ..		7		7		\$50 for Charter.
		2679	1038	98	130	1660	
					99	13154	\$6300 25
Three Charters as above at \$30,							
Twenty-nine Charters as above at \$50,							
Twelve Grand Lodge Certificates at 50 cents,							
Thirty-nine Blue Books at 30 cents,							
Balance of Grand Secretary's Account,							
Paid Grand Treasurer,							
						\$8967 95	

PAY ROLL—Session 1867, at Adrian.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Miles.	Milage.	Per Diem.	Total.	Paid to.
1	Zion,	73	\$7 30	\$9 00	\$16 30	Thos. McGregor.
2	Detroit,	73	7 30	9 00	16 30	W. F. Moore.
3	Union of S. O.,	73	7 30	9 00	16 30	J. P. Fiske.
4	St. Joseph Val.,	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	J. B. Fitzgerald.
5	Rochester,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	J. V. Lambertson.
6	Mt. Clemens, ..	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	Chas. C. Lamb.
7	Washington, ..	73	7 30	9 00	16 30	A. D. Eldred.
8	Trenton,	53	5 30	9 00	14 30	N. C. Alvord.
9	Evergreen,	125	12 50	9 00	21 50	D. D. Odell.
10	Dowagiac,	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	A. H. Mason.
12	Battle Creek, ..	91	9 10	9 00	18 10	L. L. Livingston.
13	Phoenix,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	C. F. Ashley.
14	Murat,	66	6 60	9 00	15 60	F. W. Sheldon.
16	Lafayette,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	George Krapp.
17	Jackson,	46	4 60	9 00	13 60	D. Keeler.
18	Tyre,	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	D. Bovee.
19	Adrian, .....	...	.....	9 00	9 00	J. W. Finch.
20	St. Albans,	78	7 80	9 00	16 80	H. L. Tillotson.
21	Pontiac,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	M. Walters.
22	Kalamazoo, ...	113	11 30	9 00	20 30	O. T. Blood.
23	Flint,	137	13 70	9 00	22 70	S. C. Randall.
24	Mt. Hermon, ..	108	10 80	9 00	18 80	L. A. Clapp.
25	Paw Paw,	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	A. J. Sortore.
26	Maxson,	16	1 60	9 00	10 60	A. J. Skutt.
27	Monroe,	34	3 40	9 00	12 40	A. I. Sawyer.
28	Union,	68	6 80	9 00	15 80	A. B. Aiken.
29	Humanity,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	Chas. Doolittle.
30	Concord,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	W. N. Keeler.
31	Portland,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	M. B. Beers.
32	Fidelity,	33	3 30	9 00	12 30	J. T. Hayden.
33	Lansing,	88	8 80	9 00	17 80	J. P. Cowles.
34	Grand River, ..	224	22 40	9 00	31 40	L. H. Randall.
35	Siloam,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	D. Lantz.
36	Ionia,	209	20 90	9 00	29 90	P. B. Haight.
37	Lyons,	204	20 40	9 00	29 40	J. W. Burns.
38	Howell,	141	14 10	9 00	23 10	S. F. Hubbell.
39	Western Star, ..	171	.....	.....	22 50	Edward Hall.
40	Franklin,	47	4 70	9 00	13 70	J. E. White.
41	Romeo,	135	13 50	9 00	22 50	A. E. Palmer.
44	Birmingham, ..	93	9 30	9 00	18 30	E. Reynolds.
46	Orion,	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	O. C. Thompson.
47	Plymouth Rock, ..	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	W. E. Smith.
48	Austin,	114	11 40	9 00	20 40	B. Coggsall.
49	Meridian Star, ..	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	N. I. Packard.
50	Michigan,	46	4 60	9 00	13 60	H. F. Bridgman.
51	Almont,	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	D. Hallock.
52	Hastings,	116	11 60	9 00	20 60	T. Phillips.
54	Lapeer,	136	13 60	9 00	22 60	C. S. Hicks.
55	Backus,	155	15 50	9 00	24 50	S. S. Chapman.
56	Occidental,	186	18 60	9 00	27 60	A. B. Leeds.
57	Three Rivers, ..	103	10 80	9 00	19 80	D. M. Bateman.

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58	Port Huron,...	135	\$13 50	\$9 00	\$22 50	F. L. Wells.
59	Climax,.....	102	10 20	9 00	19 20	A. B. Eldred.
60	Cedar,.....	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	J. F. Peters.
61	Lexington,....	155	15 50	9 00	24 50	N. Wolfel.
62	S. Ward,.....	180	....	....	21 25	N. S. Boynton.
63	Eaton Rapids,.	70	7 00	9 00	16 00	G. B. Hamlin.
64	Macomb,.....	104	....	....	17 00	C. Bennett.
65	Washtenaw,....	75	7 50	9 00	16 50	A. D. Crane.
66	Capital of S. O.	82	8 20	9 00	17 20	W. H. Pinckney.
68	Buchanan,....	166	16 60	9 00	25 60	A. C. Bartlett.
69	Tecumseh,....	15	1 50	9 00	10 50	D. C. Larned.
70	Mason,.....	70	7 00	9 00	16 00	G. M. Huntington.
73	Colon,.....	86	8 60	9 00	17 60	W. E. Green.
74	Dundee,.....	22	2 20	9 00	11 20	H. Watling.
75	Utica,.....	170	10 70	9 00	17 70	P. A. Knight.
76	Livingston,....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	M. F. Darrow.
77	Saginaw,.....	174	17 40	9 00	16 40	W. L. Webber.
78	Otsego,.....	130	....	....	20 50	O. Eaton.
80	Byron,.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	Warren Clough.
81	Owosso,.....	152	....	....	21 75	Henry Knill.
82	Lake St. Clair,	114	....	....	19 60	Albert Perkins.
83	Bel'evue,.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	R. B. Hughes.
84	Oxford,.....	114	11 40	9 00	20 40	L. W. Stanton.
85	Ann Arbor,....	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	J. Sprague.
86	Valley City,...	224	22 40	9 00	31 40	Wm. K. Wheeler.
88	Butler,.....	55	....	....	7 00	Miles Warren.
89	Myrtle,.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	M. R. Strong.
90	Lowell,.....	212	21 20	9 00	30 20	S. Brower.
91	Ashlar,.....	74	....	....	16 30	James Findlater.
92	Prairie,.....	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	M. W. Alfred.
93	Star,.....	26	....	....	....	.....
94	Charity,.....	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	J. W. Gilbert.
95	J. Moors,.....	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	J. Crabbs.
96	Greenville,....	200	20 00	9 00	29 00	M. Rider.
97	Niles,.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	D. H. Freed.
98	Waterford,....	106	....	....	12 50	F. W. Fifield.
99	Decatur,.....	136	13 60	9 00	22 60	M. Wenner.
100	Oakwood,.....	116	11 60	9 00	20 60	J. C. Jenkins.
101	Marquette,....	....	....	....	30 75	M. H. Maynard.
102	Blanchard,....	17	1 70	9 00	10 70	James J. Russell.
103	Greenly,.....	....	....	....	9 00	Wm. Dutton.
104	White Pigeon,.	98	9 30	9 00	18 30	J. W. Mandigo.
105	St. Johns,....	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	O. S. Spaulding.
106	St. Peters,....	126	....	....	19 60	M. H. Lee.
107	Eureka,.....	34	3 40	9 00	12 40	H. S. Noble.
108	Rockland,....	....	....	9 00	9 00	J. B. Townsend.
109	Fentonville,...	125	12 50	9 00	21 50	Asa Reynolds.
110	Hiram,.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	F. Garrettsen.
111	Allegan,.....	169	....	....	21 25	Geo. D. Smith.
112	Wayne,.....	92	9 20	9 00	18 20	Gilman Walker.
113	Hamilton,.....	45	4 50	9 00	13 50	Isaac Hopper.

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114	Blissfield,	10	\$1 00	\$9 00	\$10 00	W. M. Corbett.
115	Corunna,	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	C. J. Gale.
116	Excelsior,	57	5 70	9 00	14 70	S. Bunker.
117	Reading,	44	4 40	9 00	13 40	A. B. Strong.
118	Schoolcraft, ...	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	D. Duncan, jr.
119	Rising Sun,	156	15 60	....	21 80	E. C. Hurd.
120	Charlotte,	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	A. T. Church.
122	Ottawa, .....	...	....	....	27 00	Thos. Lowe.
123	Ithica, .....	...	....	....	20 75	H. P. Howd.
124	Eagle,	78	7 80	9 00	16 80	A. Bordner.
126	Forest,	120	....	....	17 50	N. B. Eldridge.
127	Ovid,	182	18 20	....	24 00	W. H. Faxon.
128	Ypsilanti,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	I. N. Howland.
129	Bay City,	190	....	....	27 25	C. P. Nash.
130	Stockbridge, ...	96	9 60	9 00	18 60	H. Gregory.
131	Newaygo,	260	....	....	18 25	S. D. Thompson.
132	Linden,	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	J. B. Hyatt.
133	Saline,	80	8 00	9 00	12 00	G. B. Mason.
134	Holly,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	A. P. Waldo.
135	Quincy, .....	...	....	....	27 50	J. Q. McKernan.
136	Pokagon,	155	....	....	16 75	J. E. Garwood.
137	Mendon,	97	9 70	9 00	18 70	H. Clapp.
138	Port Hope, ....	...	....	....	26 00	C. B. Cotterell.
139	Grand Haven, ..	262	....	....	29 50	I. Hunting.
140	Muskegon,	274	27 40	9 00	36 40	A. V. Mann.
141	Mystic,	71	7 10	9 00	16 10	Milo Clark.
142	Memphis,	125	12 50	9 00	21 50	R. B. King.
143	Harmony,	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	W. S. Hathaway.
144	Russell,	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	G. Kirkland.
145	Maple Rapids, ..	145	....	....	18 50	J. W. Hewitt.
146	Boston,	227	22 70	9 00	31 70	W. Dowdman.
147	Warren,	16	1 60	9 00	10 60	E. A. Gay.
148	Manchester, ...	25	2 50	9 00	11 50	P. F. Blosser.
149	United,	150	15 00	....	20 00	E. H. Glenn.
150	Dryden,	138	....	....	21 75	Miner Fuller.
151	Farmington, ..	94	9 40	9 00	18 40	John H. Smith.
152	Redford,	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	G. M. F. Davis.
153	Williamston, ...	...	....	....	17 00	I. W. Waldo.
154	Sag. Valley, ...	175	....	....	22 25	D. M. Bennett.
155	Salina,	175	17 50	....	19 00	Wm. Gallagher.
156	Olive,	67	6 70	9 00	15 70	J. M. Congdon.
157	Addison,	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	Wm. Brown.
158	Star of the Lake,	165	16 50	9 00	25 50	H. Duann.
159	Golden Rule, ..	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	R. J. Price.
160	Dansville,	80	8 00	9 00	17 00	M. M. Atwood.
161	N. Newberg, ...	148	14 80	9 00	23 80	A. Bainbridge.
162	Coloma,	139	....	....	11 50	J. L. Marvin.
163	Cass River,	173	....	....	25 00	L. C. Davis.
164	Fowlerville, ...	...	....	....	12 00	R. M. Cadwell.
165	Milford,	117	11 70	9 00	20 70	H. D. Tenny.
166	Mt. Vernon, ...	49	4 90	9 00	13 90	M. Hawley.

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167	Tracy,	12	\$1 20	\$9 00	\$10 20	N. Manley.
168	Temple,	9 00	R. Kimball.
169	Brooklyn,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	W. S. Culver.
170	Wyandotte, ...	53	5 30	9 00	14 30	J. S. VanAlstine.
171	Big Rapids, ...	313	....	....	29 75	Charles Gay.
172	Dearborn,	80	8 00	9 00	17 00	James Travis.
173	Evening Star, ..	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	C. R. Lyon.
174	Genesee,	137	13 70	9 00	22 70	J. B. Newton.
175	Clinton,	18	1 80	9 00	10 80	Geo. Runyan.
176	Hillsdale,	33	3 30	9 00	12 30	R. A. Everett.
177	Croton, .....	...	....	....	14 50	J. F. Gaweller.
179	Grand Ledge, ..	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	G. W. Thomas.
180	Pilgrim, .....	...	....	....	18 00	John F. Odell.
181	Orangeville, ...	135	13 50	9 00	22 50	Eli Nichols.
182	Lovel Moore, ..	274	....	....	22 25	R. P. Easton.
183	Parma,	56	5 60	9 00	14 60	R. Landon. ✓
184	Palmyra,	5	50	9 00	9 50	W. G. Smith.
185	Pleasant Lake, ..	56	....	....	14 25	H. B. Hawley.
186	Northville,	106	10 60	9 00	19 60	W. P. Hungerford.
187	Richmond,	103	....	....	16 75	David Wicks.
188	St. Louis,	200	....	....	20 25	J. R. Cheeseman.
U. D.	Portsmouth, ...	...	....	....	21 50	Charles Stevens.
U. D.	Richland,	112	11 20	9 00	20 25	D. L. Johnson.
U. D.	Holland, .....	...	....	....	19 75	George Lander.
U. D.	Summit,	166	....	....	22 25	N. Hamilton.
U. D.	Dutcher, .....	...	....	....	20 00	H. H. Stimson.
U. D.	Lawton,	125	....	....	9 00	H. P. Jackson.
U. D.	Chesaning,	175	....	....	18 00	J. J. Austin.
U. D.	Athens,	70	7 00	9 00	16 00	L. B. Smith.
U. D.	Grattan, .....	...	....	....	21 75	J. Davis.
U. D.	Bloomington, ..	...	....	....	12 25	Samuel Holmes.
U. D.	Winfield, .....	...	....	....	14 75	G. Hutchins.
U. D.	Montague,	66	6 60	....	13 75	Geo. E. Dowling. ✓
U. D.	Leslie,	61	6 10	9 00	15 10	O. D. Ford.
U. D.	Alpena, .....	...	....	....	22 00	W. D. Hitchcock.
U. D.	Flushing,	157	....	....	14 00	Dr. J. Tyler.
U. D.	Oceana, .....	...	....	....	22 00	J. Boynton.
U. D.	Algonac,	122	....	....	2 00	J. Kendall.
U. D.	Palo, .....	...	....	....	14 75	E. D. Young.
U. D.	Coffinbury, ....	...	....	....	6 75	E. O. Briggs.
U. D.	Cato, .....	...	....	....	4 50	John Tenant.
U. D.	Hartland, .....	...	....	....	5 50	O. B. Chambers.
U. D.	Vienna, .....	...	....	....	11 25	R. Johnson.
U. D.	Cedar Springs, ..	...	....	....	12 75	C. S. Ford.
U. D.	Park, .....	...	....	....	5 75	S. B. Bickford.
U. D.	Peninsula, .....	...	....	....	3 00	Arthur Smith.
U. D.	Bedford, .....	...	....	....	3 00	Isaac Hall.

PAY ROLL—Grand Officers, Session 1867, at Adrian.

GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	Paid to.
Grand Master,	100	\$10 00	\$9 00	\$19 00	S. C. Coffinbury.
Deputy Grand Master,...	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	A. T. Metcalf.
Senior Grand Warden, ..	98	9 80	9 00	18 80	A. Partridge.
Junior Grand Warden, ..	...	12 00	9 00	21 00	D. A. Wright.
Grand Treasurer,	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	R. W. Landon.
Grand Secretary,	78	7 80	9 00	16 80	Jas. Fenton.
Grand Lecturer, .....	...	8 40	9 00	12 40	S. Blanchard.
Grand Chaplain, .....	...	....	....	25 00	D. B. Tracy.
Junior Grand Deacon,...	238	23 80	9 00	32 80	C. J. Kruger.
Grand Marshal,	180	18 00	9 00	22 00	N. B. Eldredge.
Grand Sword Bearer, ....	...	9 00	6 00	15 00	A. M. Clark.
Grand Pursuivant, .....	...	....	....	9 00	W. F. King.
Grand Steward and Tyler,	...	7 40	9 00	16 40	W. V. Griffith.
Past Grand Master,	140	14 00	9 00	23 00	W. T. Mitchel.
Past Grand Master,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	G. C. Munroe.
Past Grand Master,	280	28 00	9 00	32 00	Lovel Moore.
Past Grand Master,	9 00	9 00	W. L. Greenly.
Past Grand Master,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	J. E. Johnson.
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BROTHER

HON. LEWIS CASS,

PAST GRAND MASTER

DIED AT DETROIT,

JUNE 17, 1866.

BROTHER
LEVI COOK,
PAST GRAND MASTER,
DIED AT DETROIT,
DECEMBER 2, 1866.

BROTHER

REV. SIDNEY S. BROWN,

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN,

DIED AT CONCORD,

AUGUST 24, 1866.

BROTHER
SENECA CASWELL,

PAST GRAND STEWARD AND TILER,

From 1848 to 1858,

DIED AT DETROIT,

A. D., 1866.

STANDING ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

1. *Resolved*, That no presiding officer in any Subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is entitled to wear any other regalia, except that of a Master Mason; and any attempt to introduce any other, is an innovation upon the long established usages of Masonry, and one that cannot receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge, and is hereafter expressly prohibited.

2. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any Master Mason in good standing, within the accredited jurisdiction of any Subordinate Lodge, and not a member thereof, or of any other Lodge, or been rejected by any other Lodge, may become a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, if the Lodge applied to shall see proper to receive him.

3. *Resolved*, That the W. M. or Representative of each Subordinate Lodge which shall be represented in this Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers for the time being, and Past Grand Master in attendance, be allowed ten cents per mile for traveling fees, computing one way only by the most usually traveled route; and three dollars per day for the time he shall actually attend the sitting of the Grand Lodge, not to be paid until the close of the Communication.

Provided, That no Representative shall be paid a greater amount than the Lodge he represents shall have paid into the funds of the Grand Lodge, for the current year, for dues. And provided, also, that no Representative be paid as the Representative of more than one Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That it is necessary for a Master Mason, when elected to preside over a Lodge, before entering upon the duties of his office, to receive a proper qualification, and that qualification shall be to bind him faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of

a Master of a Lodge together with the ancient charges and regulations, as laid down in Webb's Free Mason's Monitor, as compiled by R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, and nothing more; and that any Present or Past Master, who has received the aforesaid qualifications, be authorized to perform the said ceremony when requested.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend to the M. W. Grand Master, that no new Lodge be hereafter organized within the distance of ten miles of any other Lodge now at work in this jurisdiction, unless for special causes shown.

6. *Resolved*, That every Brother ought to be a member of some Lodge.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, to collect, by legal proceedings or otherwise, any debt due the Grand Lodge, whenever in his opinion, the interest of the Grand Lodge shall require such action.

8. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not grant a Charter to a new Lodge, unless the petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the M. W. Grand Master, or the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer, showing that the three first officers thereof are competent and duly qualified to perform the work required of them respectively, and that they are conversant with the ancient charges and landmarks, and not without satisfactory evidence that they have or can secure a suitable place for holding meetings.

9. *Resolved*, That the following Masonic clothing and insignia be established as the standard in this jurisdiction; and that all Lodges and Brethren, hereafter procuring new clothing, be recommended to have the same made in conformity with the following description, to wit:

JEWELS. The Jewels of officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as of Subordinate Lodges, shall be the same as are now in use, of a pattern to be found in the Grand Secretary's office.

COLLARS. Of officers of Subordinate Lodges, to be of light blue ribbon or velvet, four inches broad.

The collar of the Grand Master shall be of purple, four inches broad, with narrow edge of gold lace, embroidered with acacia and pomegranate on the outside, and ornamented in the center with pomegranate embroidered in gold.

Other Grand Officers, present and past, wear collars of purple ribbon, four inches broad, with narrow edging of gold lace cord.

APRONS. ENTERED APPRENTICE.—A plain white lamb skin or linen, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings, with a flap or fall to be triangular in shape.

FELLOW CRAFT.—The same, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

MASTER MASON.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one-and-a-half-inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office, in silver or white, in the centre of the apron.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, PRESENT AND PAST.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with purple, and ornamented with gold and blue strings; they must have the emblems of their office, in gold or blue, in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold or embroidery, in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun, embroidered in gold, in the centre; on the edging, the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges to wear, in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon or silver, half an inch broad, and, if ribbon, of the same color of the lining and edging of the apron. If Grand Officers, similar emblems, of Garter-blue or gold.

10. *Resolved*, That it is the right of all Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to admit or reject visiting Brethren, as they, in their discretion, may deem best.

11. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is incompetent to restore a Charter after it has been legally surrendered.

12. *Resolved*, That all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, located on the line of States, be and they are hereby *directed* not to initiate any person who lives in any other State, without first obtaining the consent of the M. W. Grand Master of such State, and also of the W. M. of the Subordinate Lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides.

13. *Resolved*, That the Master or Wardens of a Lodge, in case of permanent removal from the jurisdiction, are entitled to a demit, under like restrictions as other members of their Lodge.

14. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the M. W. Grand Master should not communicate official information in reply to letters from a Lodge, its officers or committees, not Masonically known to him, unless such letters are authenticated by the seal of the Lodge.

15. *Resolved*, That the infliction of fines, as a penalty upon refractory committees or Brothers, is inconsistent with ancient Masonic rules and usages.

16. *Resolved*, That in Masonry the accuser of a Brother Mason must be a Master Mason in good standing, who need not be sworn. The complaint or testimony of persons not Masons may be taken before the examining committee, on oath or otherwise, as the Lodge shall direct; but the testimony of witnesses not Masons should be taken before a committee, and not in open Lodge.

17. *Resolved*, That no appeal from a Subordinate Lodge shall be entertained by the Grand Lodge, except upon proof that notice of said appeal has been given to the Subordinate Lodge in writing, withing ninety days after the appellant shall have received official notice of such decision; and such appeal shall be prosecuted at the first regular Communication of the Grand Lodge after the time above limited shall have expired.

18. *Resolved*, That petitions for membership may be received and acted upon, but the applicant shall not be admitted to membership until he produces his demit, or in case of a defunct Lodge, proper evidence of membership from the Grand Lodge under which the same was held. Where regular proofs cannot be obtained, such cases come within the prerogative of the Grand Master, who may dispense therewith on proper showing, to his entire satisfaction.

19. *Resolved*, That neither three of the Masonic penalties should be inflicted upon a Brother without charges, specifications, notice and trial in due Masonic form.

20. *Resolved*, That all Lodges within this jurisdiction are enjoined and prohibited from encouraging, promoting or permitting the delivery or teaching any Masonic lectures or work which are not sanctioned and authorized by this Grand Lodge in accordance with its Constitution; and all Brothers within this jurisdiction are prohibited from delivering or teaching such lectures to Lodges in this State.

21. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of a Master of a Lodge to suspend the advancement of a candidate at any stage of his advancement, when it shall come to his knowledge that such candidate is either unworthy of receiving, or ineligible to receive Masonic light, regardless of the source or channel of such knowledge.

22. *Resolved*, That all newly chartered Lodges may hold their first election for officers at any regular Communication within two months after the date of their Charter.

23. Charges having been preferred and the Committee having reported, can the accused be expelled at any but a regular Communication?

Action on the charges must be commenced at a regular Communication, and may be continued from time to time and had at special Communications, convened for that purpose, by vote at such regular, or notice to all the members of the Lodge within the jurisdiction.

24. It is competent to provide by the By-Laws for quarterly or annual dues, and to vote an assessment not provided for therein in cases of emergency, for relief of distressed Brothers and other objects of Masonic charity, and for the necessary expenses of the Lodge.

25. *Resolved*, That no Lodge shall receive any petition for initiation, unless the applicant state in the petition whether he has ever applied for initiation to any other Lodge, and if such application has been made, shall state the time or times when, and the Lodge or Lodges to which such application has been made; and in case such statements are found to be false, it shall be good cause for expulsion from the Order.

26. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge require all Committees to whom petitions may be referred, to make a full written report, as to the character, standing and antecedents of the candidate, as well as the jurisdiction to which he may rightfully belong.

And that said report be not written upon the petition itself, but upon a separate paper, signed by at least a majority of the Committee, which report shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge.

27. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the W. M. of every Subordinate Lodge to cause the said Constitution and Standing Orders of this Grand Lodge to be read in their respective Lodges, at least once in three months.

28. *Resolved*, That copies of the Constitution may be sold at thirty cents per copy to any Brother desiring to possess one.

29. *Resolved*, That all resolutions, orders and edicts of this Grand Lodge conflicting with the foregoing, be, and they are hereby rescinded.

30. *Resolved*, That a candidate for advancement has the right to apply at every regular Communication of the Lodge, unless charges have been preferred against him.

31. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that pursuant to Section 2, of Article I, of the Constitution, all Past Masters

of Subordinate Lodges, who are in good standing, are entitled to all the rights of membership in this Grand Lodge, except the right to vote.

82. *Resolved*, That any and every Lodge that shall not make the required return, and pay over its Grand Lodge dues on or before the first day of January, in any year, shall not be represented in the Grand Lodge for that year, except on special permission of the Grand Lodge.

83. *Resolved*, That the Lodges with their returns shall send to the Grand Secretary the name of any Representative who may be elected, and the Grand Secretary shall make out a list or roll of Representatives from such returns, and if upon calling the roll a quorum of Representatives appear to be present, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to business without further delay.

ERRATA.

On Page 107, Allegan Lodge, No. 111, in place of *W. M. Corbett*, read A. S. BUTLER.

List of Grand Officers for the Year 1867.

NAME AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

M. W. S. C. COFFINBURY, Constantine,	Grand Master.
R. W. A. T. METCALF, Kalamazoo,	Depnty Grand Master.
R. W. THOMAS U. FLANNEE, M. D., Hancock,	District Deputy Grand Master for Upper Peninsula.
R. W. A. PARTRIDGE, Birmingham,	S. Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID A. WRIGHT, Austin,	J. Grand Warden.
R. W. RUPUS W. LONDON, Niles,	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JAMES FENTON, Detroit,	Grand Secretary.
R. W. S. BLANCHARD, Monroe,	Grand Visitor and Lecturer.
M. E. Rev. GEO. TAYLOR, Ann Arbor,	Grand Chaplain.
W. E. R. LONDON, Detroit,	S. Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES W. GILBERT, Detroit,	Grand Architect.
W. P. B. HAIGHT, Ionia,	J. Grand Deacon.
D. R. STROUD, Hudson,	Grand Marshal.
A. J. CUMMINGS, St. Clair,	Grand Sword Bearer.
NATHAN MANLY, Deerfield,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit,	Grand Steward and Tiler.

**.* The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the second Wednesday (24th) in January, 1868, at the City of Detroit.*

Address of Grand Secretary:

JAMES FENTON,
34 Macomb Street,
DETROIT.

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EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

Pursuant to the summons of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan convened at Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on Wednesday, the 3d day of July, A. L. 1867, A. D. 5867.

PRESENT:

M. W. S. C. COFFINBURY,	. . .	GRAND MASTER.
R. W. A. T. METCALF,	. . .	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
R. W. THOMAS U. FLANNER, M. D.,		DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR UPPER PENINSULA.
R. W. A. PARTRIDGE,	. . .	S. GRAND WARDEN.
R. W. DAVID A. WRIGHT,	. . .	J. GRAND WARDEN.
R. W. RUFUS W. LANDON,	. . .	GRAND TREASURER.
R. W. JAMES FENTON,	. . .	GRAND SECRETARY.
R. W. S. BLANCHARD,	. . .	GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.
M. REV. GEO. TAYLOR,	. . .	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
W. E. R. LANDON,	. . .	S. GRAND DEACON.
W. JAMES W. GILBERT,	. . .	GRAND ARCHITECT
W. P. B. HAIGHT,	. . .	J. GRAND DEACON.
J. P. WHITING, as	. . .	GRAND MARSHAL.
P. J. AUSTIN, as	. . .	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
REV. C. P. NASH as	. . .	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
W. V. GRIFFITH,	. . .	GRAND STEWARD AND TYLER.

At high twelve the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM, and proceeded to issue appropriate orders respecting the duty of the Grand Lodge to-morrow, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of

"the Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Monument," after which he was pleased to call the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, July 4—9 A. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, officers present as yesterday.

The procession, consisting of a large number of brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction, then set out in the following order:

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Great Western Band.

Detroit Commandery No. 1,
and their guests, Apollo Commandery of Chicago,
and many Sir Knights from various Commanderies.

Light Guard Band.

Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.

Grand Steward, with white rod.

Grand Architect, with Square, Level and Plumb.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, carried by a Master of a Lodge,
supported by two Stewards.

Most Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The Five Orders of Architecture.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden carrying the silver vessel with oil.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with wine.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master, carrying the golden vessel with corn.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, supported by two Deacons, with rods.

Grand Sword Bearer, with drawn sword.

The procession then marched through the principal streets of the city, and, on arriving at the Park, opened right and left, and uncovering, the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Officers passed through the lines to the platform, while the rest of the brethren surrounded the platform, forming a hollow square.

The M. W. Grand Master then commanded silence, when the Most Rev. Grand Chaplain offered the following prayer:

PRAYER.

Great Architect of the Universe, Almighty, Holy and Eternal Jehovah, Thou art our God; Thou art our nation's king. We offer worship, thanks and blessings to Thy great name that thou didst ever bless the world with the existence of such a nation as ours. We thank Thee that in Thy adorable mercy Thou hast brought us through our fearful and bloody conflict, that the rebellion is crushed and our nation saved. We most heartily thank Thee that the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty are secured to us all; and earnestly pray that they may be continued to our latest posterity.

And now, O Lord, while the great sacrifice we have made is now before us; in remembrance of the names, deeds and deaths of our beloved fallen ones, and in full realization of our nation's exaltation, we come to give Thee thanks. Vouchsafe Thy gracious blessing, O God, to the fathers, mothers, widows and orphans of those who were offered upon their country's altar. May the nation honor them and provide for such as may be in need. Bless the maimed and disabled among us, and may they, by their honorable scars, ever be recognized as the *nation's noblemen*. Let our returned veterans share thy abiding benediction and the nation's gratitude.

We beseech Thee also to bless all the contributors to the sacred memorial here to be erected; and may the superstructure to rise upon this corner stone stand as a perpetual testimony of Michigan's appreciation of the patriotism of her bravest sons.

O, Lord, we pray Thee to bless the President of these United States and his cabinet of counsellors; qualify them for their responsible position, and lead them all to fear Thee and to work righteousness. Bless the Congress; O, God, we thank Thee for such a Congress, and we earnestly pray that they may ever abide by the Truth, the Constitution and the Union. Let reconstruction be enacted upon such principles that the dearest rights of our race may ever be protected, human elevation advanced, peace and prosperity prevail and

be perpetuated both North and South to the end of time. Accept this, our offering of gratitude and praise, and prepare us for that peaceful land where the din of war is never heard, where the people never die, and the honor, praise and glory shall be given to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

After prayer, the M. W. Grand Master then announced the purpose of the occasion as follows:

BRETHREN—We are about to engage in the most solemn ceremony pertaining to our Order. From time immemorial it has been the custom to lay the corner stones of such edifices as it was supposed would endure to after ages, under rites as impressive as the superstructure was important. From time immemorial our Mystic Order has been intrusted with those symbolic rites and ceremonies. When we consider the nature of this extraordinary transaction, its cause, its object and its ultimate destiny, every one must be deeply touched with its impressive solemnity. On the anniversary of the birthday of American Independence we assemble to assist in the erection of a monument to the memory of departed heroes. Here their names are to be inscribed; here their glory is to be perpetuated. Here future generations will come to read what history has written in the enduring marble concerning the dead patriots and heroes of Michigan, who gave their lives in favor of those institutions of civil government which were inaugurated by our fathers and written in the blood of freedom. In the process of our mystic ceremonies we make a deposit in the cavity of this foundation stone. We send a message down to posterity—a communication to future ages. We tell them who we are. At what period in the age of the world we live—the nature of our institutions, civil and religious—the outlines of our history as a people—the names of our civil magistrates, military chieftains, sages and statesmen, with many other facts and incidents of the present. These we are this hour dispatching down the telegraph of time, but who will read them in the future? At what age of the world if ever, will this message be unfolded to mankind? If this monument is to endure, then do we this day shut these deposits away forever from human view, and with them the names of the patriotic men and women whose devotion to their country, and honor for the brave have prompted this tribute, whose very hearts and patriotic impulses are here embalmed as a part of the important message to future generations. This reflection is a melancholy one. When we commit the body of a departed brother to the tomb under our peculiar ceremonies, we deposit with it a branch of evergreen as an emblematic expression of our assurance that it will again arise from corruption and sit in incorruptible glory. Here we deposit in this stone a coffer, as an important landmark in the line of the world's

progression, with no assurance that the precious things it contains will ever be brought to light again. This thought is a melancholy one. If we may be permitted to indulge in speculations, the mind is still led to melancholy conclusions.

Perhaps when ages upon ages have passed away, this beautiful and populous city may lie in ruins. Gnarled oaks and matted forest limbs may rear where now ascends the graceful spires and domes, while the shriek of the wild beast will echo where now arises the sweet harmony of music. Then the stranger to our history and our national union may find our ruins in the tangled forest—may stand in deep wonder upon our city's desolation—mere *tumuli* the spectre of past ages. The antiquarian will overturn the ruins, and investigate its desolations in search of its arcana—its secret mystery. At last he raises the cap of the foundation stone which we are about to lay, and there discovers the metallic box we are about to leave for him. The curiosity of posterity will then be gratified as the Archæologist interprets our Anglo Saxon message into some strange language whose rudimental embryo may not yet be conceived. Where then will be these flaunting banners—these glittering emblems and insignia, those thousands of beating hearts and breathing forms? Alas! All mouldered in the dust together! This speculation is a melancholy one.

But if, in the inflexible progression of things, no trace of our Anglo-Saxon remain, and, our well prepared message to future ages find no interpreter, must the labors of this hour be lost to mankind? No, for there is a language which has left its impress on every age of the world which requires no interpreter, for it is written in universal signs and characters on the brow of time. This language is as imperishable as the moral truths it symbolically interprets. This mystic language will ever perpetuate a part of human history—it interprets its own secrets—it was universal in the beginning, is now, and ever will be. The labors of this hour will avail.

Brethren, we will now, according to ancient masonic usage, proceed to lay the corner stone of the Michigan Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

After which the R. W. Grand Secretary, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, read a list of the articles to be deposited in the stone; when the R. W. Grand Treasurer, by the M. W. Grand Master's command, deposited them in the stone, securely sealed in a metallic coffer of the dimensions of a cubic foot.

The cap of the corner stone then descended three feet, accompanied by solemn music by the band.

One gun. The Grand Honors, once.

The cap descended three feet, accompanied with solemn music.

One gun. The Grand Honors, twice.

The cap descended to its place, accompanied with solemn music.

One gun. The Grand Honors, thrice.

Grand Master. R. W. Deputy Grand Master: What is the proper jewel of your office?

Deputy Grand Master. The Square.

G. M. What are its moral and Masonic uses?

D. G. M. To square our actions by the Square of Virtue, and prove our work.

G. M. Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the foundation-stone that needs to be proved, and make report:

[The Deputy applied the Square to the stone, and said:]

D. G. M. Most Worshipful: I find the stone to be square. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M. R. W. Senior Grand Warden: What is the jewel of your office?

Senior Grand Warden. The Level.

G. M. What is its Masonic use?

S. G. W. Morally, it reminds us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

G. M. Apply the implement of your office to the foundation-stone, and make report.

[This was done.]

S. G. W. Most Worshipful: I find the stone to be level. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M. R. W. Junior Grand Warden: What is the proper jewel of your office?

Junior Grand Warden. The Plumb.

G. M. What is its Masonic use?

J. G. W. Morally, it teaches rectitude of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G. M. Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the foundation-stone, and make your report.

[This was complied with.]

J. G. W. Most Worshipful: I find the stone is plumb. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M. This corner-stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I do declare the stone to be

well formed, true, and trusty, and correctly laid, according to the rules of our ancient Craft.

Let the elements of Consecration now be presented.

The Deputy Grand Master then came forward with the vessel of CORN, and, scattering it on the stone, said:

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us and upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and inspire the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude.

Response.—So mote it be.

[The Senior Grand Warden then came forward with the vessel of, WINE, and, pouring it upon the stone, said:

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless and prosper our national, state, and city governments, preserve the union of the States, and may it be a bond of Friendship and Brotherly Love that shall endure through all time.

Response.—So mote it be.

[The Junior Grand Warden then came forward with a vessel of OIL, which, pouring upon the stone, said:]

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessings abide with us continually, and may the Grand Master of heaven and earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan, shield and defend them from trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow his mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted, and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrowing and trouble no more.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Master then made the following

INVOCATION.

May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this structure; protect the workmen against every accident; long preserve the structure from decay; and grant to us all a supply of the CORN of *nourishment*, the WINE of *refreshment*, and the OIL of *joy*.—AMEN.

Response.—So mote it be.

[The Grand Master then struck the stone three times with the gravel, and the public grand honors were given.]

[The Grand Master then delivered over to the Architect the implements of architecture, and said:]

WORTHY BROTHER: Having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation-stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, intrusting you with the

superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

[The Grand Master then ascended the platform, when an appropriate anthem was sung.]

[The Grand Master then addressed the assembly as follows:]

MEN AND BRETHREN HERE ASSEMBLED: Be it known unto you, that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged, by solemn obligations, to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which can not be divulged, and which have never been found out; but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted, in peace and honor, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries.—**AMEN.**

Response.—So mote it be.

[A voluntary collection was then made by the Grand Stewards among the Brethren for the structure, and the sum collected was placed upon the stone by the Grand Treasurer.]

[The Grand Chaplain then pronounced the following]

BENEDICTION.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace and good-will toward men! O Lord, we most heartily beseech thee with thy favor to behold and bless this assemblage; pour down thy mercy, like the dew that falls upon the mountains, upon thy servants engaged in the solemn ceremonies of this day. Bless, we pray thee, all the workmen who shall be engaged in the erection of this edifice; keep them from all forms of accidents and harm; grant them in health and prosperity to live; and finally, we hope, after this life, through thy mercy, wisdom, and forgiveness, to attain everlasting joy and felicity, in thy bright mansion—in thy holy temple—not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—**AMEN.**

Response.—So mote it be.

After which the procession returned in the same order to Masonic Hall, when the M. W. Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge in Ample Form.

After which the Grand Lodge, by invitation of Detroit Commandery No. 1, repaired to the Board of Trade building, and partook of a sumptuous banquet, prepared by them in honor of the occasion.

Attest.

JAS. FENTON, *Grand Secretary.*

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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the MOST ANCIENT AND
HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
convened, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution,
and the resolution of the last Session, at Masonic Hall in
the City of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January,
(8th), A. L. 5888.

PRESENT:

M. W. S. C. COFFINBURY, GRAND MASTER.
R. W. A. T. METCALF, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
R. W. A. PARTRIDGE, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
R. W. DAVID A. WRIGHT, . . . JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
R. W. RUFUS W. LANDON, . . . GRAND TREASURER.
R. W. JAMES FENTON, GRAND SECRETARY.
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A. S. CUMMINGS, GRAND SWORD BEARER.
NATHAN MANLY, GRAND PURSUIVANT.
W. V. GRIFFITH, GRAND STEWARD AND TYLER.

At High Twelve the M. W. Grand Master called the
Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. Geo. Taylor, M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers J. B. Newton, D. Bovee, and Jas. W. Gilbert, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit:

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

GEORGE C. MONROE,
HON. WM. M. FENTON,
FRANK DARROW,

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
WILLIAM T. MITCHELL.

REPRESENTATIVES.

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| 1. <i>Zion</i> —T. M'Gregor. | 24. <i>Mt. Herman</i> —L. A. Clapp. |
| 2. <i>Detroit</i> —W. F. Moore. | 25. <i>Paw Paw</i> —H. L. Eggleston. |
| 3. <i>Union of S. O.</i> —J. P. Fiske. | 26. <i>Mazon</i> —A. J. Skutt. |
| 4. <i>St. Joseph Valley</i> —Enoch Flegal. | 27. <i>Monroe</i> —A. I. Sawyer, M. D. |
| 5. <i>Rochester</i> —J. V. Lambertson. | 28. <i>Union</i> —A. B. Aikin. |
| 6. <i>Mt. Clemens</i> —C. Farrar. | 29. <i>Humanity</i> —Frank Mead. |
| 7. <i>Washington</i> —A. D. Eldred. | 30. <i>Concord</i> —A. W. Reynolds. |
| 8. <i>Trenton</i> —John Chase. | 31. <i>Portland</i> —George Hill, Jr. |
| 9. <i>Evergreen</i> —D. D. Odell. | 32. <i>Fidelity</i> —J. T. Hayden. |
| 10. <i>Dowagiac</i> —L. S. Henderson. | 33. <i>Lansing</i> —J. W. Champlin. |
| 11. <i>Pine Grove</i> —E. W. Harris. | 34. <i>Grand River</i> —L. H. Randall. |
| 12. <i>Battle Creek</i> —Charles F. Bock. | 35. <i>Siloam</i> —D. E. Wilson. |
| 13. <i>Phoenix</i> —A. Gould. | 36. <i>Ionia</i> —John B. Hutchins. |
| 14. <i>Murat</i> —Wm. V. Morrison, rep. | 37. <i>Lyons</i> —D. C. Spaulding. |
| 15. <i>Lafayette</i> —E. J. Hodges. | 38. <i>Howell</i> —Adolph Buck. |
| 16. <i>Jackson</i> —P. R. Lovell. | 39. <i>Western Star</i> —E. A. Brown, rep. |
| 17. <i>Tyre</i> —D. Bovee. | 40. <i>Franklin</i> —P. Comstock, rep. |
| 18. <i>Adrian</i> —J. W. Finch, rep. | 41. <i>Romeo</i> —James H. Boden, rep. |
| 19. <i>St. Albans</i> —Albert F. Bull. | 42. <i>Birmingham</i> —E. W. Reynolds. |
| 20. <i>Pontiac</i> —Mark Walters, rep. | 43. <i>Orion</i> —W. E. Littell. |
| 21. <i>Kalamazoo</i> —O. T. Blood. | 44. <i>Plymouth Rock</i> —W. E. Smith. |
| 22. <i>Flint</i> —S. C. Randall. | 45. <i>Austin</i> —Horatio Wright. |

49. *Meridian Sun*—C. Jacobs.
50. *Michigan*—D. W. Shaw, rep.
51. *Almont*—B. W. Halleck.
52. *Hastings*—W. S. Goodyear.
54. *Lapeer*—W. W. Stickney.
55. *Backus*—S. S. Chapman.
56. *Occidental*—Joseph Gard, rep.
57. *Three Rivers*—T. G. Green.
58. *Port Huron*—John L. Newell.
59. *Climax*—Moses Hodgman.
60. *Cedar*—J. T. Peter.
61. *Lexington*—N. Wolfel.
62. *S. Ward*—Wm. H. Pringle, rep.
63. *Eaton Rapids*—G. B. Hamlin.
64. *Macomb*—H. Bennett, rep.
65. *Washtenaw*—A. D. Crane.
66. *Capital of S. O.*—A. G. Blair.
67. *Ontonagon*—Jas. Burtenshaw, rep.
68. *Buchanan*—W. S. Merrill, rep.
69. *Tecumseh*—D. C. Larned.
70. *Mason*—John H. Sayers.
73. *Colon*—W. E. Green.
74. *Dundee*—H. Watling.
75. *Utica*—P. A. Knight.
76. *Livingston*—M. F. Darrow.
77. *Saginaw*—Geo. C. Warner.
78. *Osego*—E. M. Allen.
79. *Germania*—M. C. T. Plessner.
80. *Byron*—Warren Clough.
81. *Owosso*—B. O. Williams.
82. *Lake St. Clair*—Wm. Randell, rep.
83. *Bellvue*—M. S. Brackett, rep.
84. *Oxford*—R. Crandall, rep.
85. *Ann Arbor*—S. G. Taylor.
86. *Valley City*—Wm. R. White.
88. *Butler*—No representative.
89. *Myrtle*—Joseph C. Merrill.
90. *Lowell*—E. R. Craw.
91. *Ashlar*—R. Rowland.
92. *Prairie*—M. W. Alfred.
93. *Star*—N. W. Thompson.
94. *Charity*—D. B. Nichols.
95. *J. Moore*—F. N. Butler.
96. *Greenville*—Wm. Maxted.
97. *Niles*—Charles L. Allen, rep.
98. *Waterford*—F. W. Fifield.
99. *Decatur*—M. Wenner.
100. *Oakwood*—G. D. Cowden.
101. *Marquette*—Charles H. Brown.
102. *Blanchard*—G. J. Russell.
103. *Greenly*—Fred. Hart.
104. *White Pigeon*—R. A. Green.
105. *St. Johns*—R. M'Farlan.
106. *St. Peter's*—O. L. Spaulding.
107. *Eureka*—J. B. Thomas.
108. *Rockland*—James Burtenshaw, rep.
109. *Fentonville*—Asa Reynolds.
110. *Hiram*—W. H. Lawrence.
111. *Allegan*—W. J. Pollard.
112. *Wayne*—C. T. Barnard.
113. *Hamilton*—S. W. Perry.
114. *Blissfield*—J. B. Clemment.
115. *Corunna*—S. Pettibone.
116. *Excelsior*—Samuel Bunker.
117. *Reading*—A. B. Strong.
118. *Schoolcraft*—D. Duncan, Jr.
119. *Rising Sun*—D. D. Briggs.
120. *Charlotte*—E. S. Lacy.
121. *Commerce*—T. A. Smith.
122. *Otawara*—Thomas Lowe.
123. *Ithaca*—N. Church.
124. *Eagle*—A. Boardman.
125. *Fairfield*—N. Gleason.
126. *Forest*—Charles Hebden.
127. *Ovid*—Wm. N. Faxon.
128. *Ypsilanti*—Warren Babcock.
129. *Bay City*—C. P. Nash.
130. *Stockbridge*—H. Gregory.
131. *Newaygo*—A. H. Giddings.
132. *Linden*—J. B. Hyatt.
133. *Saline*—J. H. Reynolds.
134. *Holly*—Bela Coggschall.
135. *Quincy*—Peter B. Austin, rep.
136. *Pokagon*—J. E. Garwood.
137. *Mendon*—Charles A. Palmer.
138. *Port Hope*—A. J. Mathison.
139. *Grand Haven*—J. H. Sanford, rep.
140. *Muskegon*—Benj. L. Piper, rep.

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| 141. <i>Mystic</i> —Milo Clark. | 181. <i>Orangeville</i> —W. T. Dodge. |
| 142. <i>Memphis</i> —L. G. Sperry. | 182. <i>Lovell Moore</i> —Joseph Ireland. |
| 143. <i>Harmony</i> —W. S. Hathaway,
rep. | 183. <i>Purma</i> —R. Landon. |
| 144. <i>Russell</i> —George Kirkland. | 184. <i>Palmira</i> —W. G. Smith. |
| 145. <i>Maple Rapids</i> —C. C. Taylor, rep. | 185. <i>Pleasant Lake</i> —H. B. Hawley. |
| 146. <i>Boston</i> —Elijah Pratt. | 186. <i>Northville</i> —F. R. Beal. |
| 147. <i>Wurren</i> —E. A. Gay. | 187. <i>Richmond</i> —O. S. Burgess. |
| 148. <i>Manchester</i> —A. Case. | 188. <i>St. Louis</i> —O. A. Everden. |
| 149. <i>United</i> —E. H. Glenn. | 189. <i>Adams</i> —No representative. |
| 150. <i>Dryden</i> —Mina Fuller. | 190. <i>Portsmouth</i> —George Lewis. |
| 151. <i>Farmington</i> —John H. Smith. | 191. <i>Unity</i> —J. O. Doesburg, rep. |
| 152. <i>Redford</i> —James McKinney. | 192. <i>Summit</i> —N. Hamilton. |
| 153. <i>Williamston</i> —J. A. Leasia. | 193. <i>Dutcher</i> —T. B. Dutcher. |
| 154. <i>Saginaw Valley</i> —J. Brosseau. | 194. <i>Chesaning</i> —J. J. Austin. |
| 155. <i>Sulina</i> —M. W. Quackenbush. | 195. <i>Delta</i> —No representative. |
| 156. <i>Olive</i> —Orin Thatcher. | 196. <i>Gratton</i> —John Davis. |
| 157. <i>Addison</i> —Wm. Brown. | 197. <i>Winfield</i> —G. Hutchins. |
| 158. <i>Star of the Lake</i> —T. W. Merritt. | 198. <i>Montague</i> —Geo. E. Dowling. |
| 159. <i>Golden Rule</i> —R. J. Price. | 199. <i>Alpena</i> —P. M. Johnson. |
| 160. <i>Dansville</i> —J. Keene. | 200. <i>Oceana</i> —J. Boynton. |
| 161. <i>North Newburg</i> —J. M. Gorham. | 201. <i>Algonac</i> —D. G. Jones. |
| 162. <i>Coloma</i> —James H. Marvin. | 202. <i>Negaunee</i> —P. B. Kirkwood. |
| 163. <i>Cass Rice</i> —L. C. Davis. | 203. <i>Palo</i> —I. Winegar, rep. |
| 164. <i>Fowlerville</i> —D. Conrad, rep. | 204. <i>Coffinbury</i> —J. G. Miller. |
| 165. <i>Milford</i> —John L. Andrews. | 205. <i>Vienna</i> —J. Van Buskirk. |
| 166. <i>Mt. Vernon</i> —M. Hawley. | 206. <i>Park</i> —S. B. Bickford. |
| 167. <i>Tracy</i> —Wm. C. Sprague. | 207. <i>Bedford</i> —Charles Austin. |
| 168. <i>Temple</i> —R. Kimball. | 208. <i>Brady</i> —E. G. Deming. |
| 169. <i>Brooklyn</i> —Wm. S. Culver. | 209. <i>Liberty</i> —H. C. Kimball. |
| 170. <i>Wyandotte</i> —J. S. Van Alstyne. | 210. <i>Hudly</i> —Lucius Fitch. |
| 171. <i>Big Rapids</i> —Charlie Gay. | 211. <i>Hartland</i> —O. B. Chambers. |
| 172. <i>Dearborn</i> —James Travers. | 212. <i>Leslie</i> —Henry Grove. |
| 173. <i>Evening Star</i> —Alex. Kerr. | 213. <i>Cedar Springs</i> —C. S. Ford. |
| 174. <i>Genesee</i> —J. B. Newton. | 214. <i>Peninsula</i> —E. O. Adams. |
| 175. <i>Clinton</i> —D. Woodward. | 215. <i>Cato</i> —John Tennant. |
| 176. <i>Hillsdale</i> —R. A. Everett. | 216. <i>Lawton</i> —H. P. Jackson. |
| 177. <i>Croton</i> —A. Truesdell. | 217. <i>Richland</i> —Wm. S. Logan. |
| 178. <i>Tuscan</i> —Wm. Reynolds. | 218. <i>Houghton</i> —Rev. D. C. Jacobs. |
| 179. <i>Grand Ledge</i> —G. W. Thomas. | 219. <i>Cass</i> —No representative. |
| 180. <i>Pilgrim</i> —D. Weaver. | 220. <i>Athens</i> —T. H. Tracy. |
| | 221. <i>Bloomington</i> —Samuel Holmes. |

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in **AMPLE FORM**.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

On Masonic Law—Bros. J. W. Champlin, A. J. Sawyer, M. S. Brackett.

On Grievances—Bros. E. W. Harris, A. D. Crane, E. H. Glenn.

On Examination—Bros. O. L. Spaulding, G. B. Noble, J. W. Finch.

On Accounts—Bros. H. A. Pattison, E. A. Brown, M. W. Quackenbush.

On Foreign Correspondence—The R. W. Grand Secretary, F. Darrow, G. C. Monroe.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We have again met in Grand Communication. The events of another year have been added to our Masonic history since our last annual meeting. These events have all been propitious and have aided to increase the harmony of our Order within our jurisdiction. Prosperity and success have crowned our Masonic labors. No sound of discord has been heard within our temple, no confusion has arisen to disturb its peace. Our civil state has also been prosperous; her industry and her enterprises have been rewarded with an abundant recompense, and, in the ranks of sister States, she is rapidly ascending to a distinguished position. While we, as a mystic order, may congratulate ourselves upon the peace and prosperity of the one, it may not be amiss for us to express a sense of our pride at the increasing importance and honor of the other.

These circumstances duly considered must draw from the heart of every true Mason, and of every good citizen, a lively expression of deep gratitude to that protecting and guiding providence which inspires the rulers of our State with wisdom and promotes the harmony of good will and fraternal affection at our mystic altars.

We are grateful to Him, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. We are not only thankful for our privileges as members of our ancient institution, but for those civil and municipal guarantees which secure us in their enjoyment.

From all that can be gathered from abroad, it appears that Masonry is still rising in importance throughout the civilized world, and that a respectful consideration is accorded to it wherever its objects are known and its influences are felt. Our institution is permanently impressing

itself upon the age in which we live; hence the absolute necessity for every member of the Order to regulate his conduct in a manner to add to and enhance its moral force and dignity. The importance of this consideration will commend itself to every Mason who cherishes the weal of our Order, and who regards social happiness and civil liberty as paramount objects in the philosophy of life and the administration of human affairs. While the good men and true of our brotherhood build up no brother ought to pull down. The slightest departure from moral rectitude in a brother may overturn and undo the effect of the most stupendous labors of the just and upright workman.

It is with great satisfaction that we hail our brethren of the Southern States as the sound of the gavel again reaches us from their cities and villages whence, so recently, the clangor of arms, the roar of cannon, and the battle cry ascended in terrible discord and confusion; mystic voices announce that our sacred altar is again erected where war late spread her desolation and carnage. The sound of war has died away and the battle-cry has ceased. Masonry there resumes her labors of peace and her offices of mercy, reuniting and healing up the broken and dissevered social elements. It is doing good unto all. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

It cannot fail to deeply touch our inner heart when we recognize the moral force of our beloved Order, as it unostentatiously, resumes its gavel and its square, while the sound of war is still echoing around her altars—conciliating, pacifying, awaking soft harmonies, feeding, clothing, and comforting.

It must be conceded that Masonry is potent in her beneficent influences, and powerful in her gentle forces—that her kindness is irresistible, and her compulsions winning and attractive—that she can soothe into harmony what force can not compel.

At our last Grand Communication, this body accepted

an invitation of the Michigan Soldier's Monument Association to take charge of the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of the Soldiers' Monument in the city of Detroit, on the anniversary of American Independence next ensuing. In pursuance of the acceptance of that invitation the Grand Lodge, when it closed, adjourned to open again at the Masonic Temple in the city of Detroit, on the third day of July following.

In pursuance of said adjournment the Grand Lodge was opened on the third day of July at the appointed place. Many brethren were in attendance, and after opening the Grand Lodge it was called from labor to refreshment to be called on again on the evening of the fourth.

The last fourth of July was a day of stirring interest in the city of Detroit. The National salute that ushered in the day, the Stars and Stripes that fluttered in the morning breeze, the intonations and cadences of music which swelled and died away upon the balmy air, while they stimulated and inspired every bosom with State and National pride, they awoke in every heart patriotic memories that reached back to our nation's birth and breathed a meed of homage to the revolutionary fathers who laid the foundations of our civil government.

At the proper time a procession was formed imposing in its magnitude and grandeur. Military and civic bodies, benevolent and religious associations, broken and maimed soldiers, tattered and blood-stained battle-flags, secret societies and mystic orders, the State, county, and city magistracy all in the positions assigned them had their proper places. In this vast procession this Grand Body had a conspicuous place, escorted by Detroit Commandery of Knights Templar, and Apollo Commandery of the City of Chicago, which joined Detroit Commandery in this courteous attention to this Grand Lodge at the invitation of the latter. These Commanderies vied with each other in their chivalric bearing and knightly courtesy and deportment. A large

procession of our brethren, in which were many from other grand jurisdictions, also attended the Grand Lodge.

Although meretricious displays and public demonstrations are not to be too often indulged in by our Order, and, by some, are regarded as incompatible with its true spirit and genius, and its mission of mercy and benevolence, yet this I deemed a proper occasion for our order to join our fellow-citizens in those festivities which commemorated our birth as a nation; and I felt proud of the opportunity it presented to us, as an institution, of demonstrating our attachment to our beloved country—our gratitude to that form of government which surrounds us with its guarantees, and our honor for the memory of departed heroes and soldiers.

To detail, on this occasion, all the solemn and impressive incidents and ceremonies of that day would prove a laborious, and, perhaps, a useless task. About the time that the procession arrived at the site of the monument, the intense heat of the day gave way to a heavy shower of rain. In pursuance of our intention the Grand Lodge proceeded to the accomplishment of the great object, and laid the foundation stone of the Monument according to ancient Masonic custom, while our labors were baptized with the pure rain of Heaven, and the loud thunder added its sanction of a deep amen.

Attending these ceremonies and the assembling of the Grand Lodge for this purpose, there were pecuniary expenses incurred which ought to be taken under consideration and adjustment by a proper committee.

I take this occasion to return my thanks to Detroit and Apollo Commandaries, and the Christian Knights composing them, for their chivalric courtesy to the Grand Lodge at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Michigan Soldiers' Monument.

The new Lodges which received their Charters at our last Grand Communication were all duly constituted, and

their officers installed in due time by worthy brothers, whom I appointed by my proxies to discharge that duty, and to whom I take this opportunity of returning my sincere thanks. I have heard from all these new Lodges, and was pleased to learn that they are all in prosperous condition, and increasing the benefits of Masonry among men by diffusing its light, and thereby enhancing the honor of the institution of Masonry.

During the last year I have granted eighteen dispensations for opening new Lodges in different localities in our jurisdiction. All the requirements of the Constitution, laws and edicts of this body were complied with by the petitioners before the dispensations were granted. It is presumed these Lodges will bring up their work for your examination, and will pray for Charters for permanent Lodges at their proper respective localities.

I denied the prayer of three petitions for dispensations for new Lodges.

The first, for the reason that the establishment of such a Lodge, I was satisfied, would interfere with and embarrass the successful operations of a flourishing Lodge within four miles of the location of the contemplated new Lodge.

The second and third, for the reason that the petitioners could not comply with the constitutional prerequisites.

At the last Grand Communication the dispensations of Flushing and Traverse City Lodges were continued until this meeting of the Grand Lodge. It will be necessary for the proper committee to consider and report in relation to these two Lodges.

During the year I granted six dispensations for conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree, one of which also included the degree of Fellowcraft.

Since our last Grand Communication, I have issued permits to Lodges in four instances to admit brothers to membership who were without demits from any Lodge.

In three of these cases I satisfied myself that the Lodges of which the applicants respectively were last members were extinct and had no longer an existence, and that the applicants were worthy Master Masons. In the other case, the applicant had been for twenty-five years a resident of the same village in this State, and had been frequently a visitor in the Lodge, but, on attempting to become a member, found that his demit from his Lodge in Dublin, Ireland, was lost or misplaced. Satisfied of the excellent character of the applicant, I permitted him to join the Lodge without subjecting him to the inconvenience of sending to Ireland for a demit.

During the past year many questions have been presented for my decision involving principles of Masonic law. The great majority of these questions have been frequently decided, and have become, in my opinion, settled rules of Masonic jurisprudence. I have reserved a few questions, however, with my rulings touching them, to submit for your consideration and sanction or reversal.

These questions and decisions are as follows:

First. Can a candidate for initiation be considered as having resided within the required jurisdiction of a Lodge the six months as required by Article V, Section 6, of the Constitution, who so lived three months last year and three months this, without any permanent place of residence between the two periods?

Answer. If it were the intention of the candidate to permanently reside at the given place where he resided the first three months, and was absent visiting, or on business during the intervening period, and again returns in pursuance of his first intention, his petition ought to be received; but, after a three months' residence, if he leave without any intention to return, and again he forms a new intention and returns, after the intervening period of his absence, his petition ought not to be received, for, in this case, his residence dates from the day of his return in

pursuance of the new intention, and is not sufficient, within the meaning of the Article and Section of the Constitution referred to, which requires six months' residence within the jurisdiction of the Lodge in which the application is made.

Second. At our last regular communication a committee to whom had been referred the petition of a profane for the degree of Entered Apprentice, reported the petitioner unworthy. I declared the candidate rejected without a ballot. Was I right or wrong?

Answer. You were wrong. A candidate can not be rejected by a Lodge without a ballot. The Lodge may (by a two-thirds vote) permit the candidate to withdraw his petition without prejudice, or may require the ballot to be passed. If the former, the candidate may apply again, at any time, while a rejection interdicts a second petition for a given period. You can put the petition to ballot at your next regular communication, notwithstanding your ruling, and your declaration of rejection.

Third. This embraces a series of questions and answers touching our criminal jurisprudence, some of which have been repeatedly decided, but which it is necessary here to repeat in order to properly understand other points which are connected with them, as they were submitted for my consideration. They are here presented in the same order in which I received and answered them.

I. Can the petition of a suspended brother be received without a recommendation?

II. Can a suspended brother be expelled without first being reinstated to obtain jurisdiction?

III. Can members of the Lodge who have been raised since the order of suspension vote on his trial?

IV. Can a brother be appointed on a committee to act in his case who has joined upon demit since the order of suspension? I decided that he could not. Was I right?

The very fact of these questions being presented for

consideration shows the necessity for answers as guides in criminal jurisprudence, in which many of our worthy brethren are uninformed, although the same questions, with the exception of the second one, have repeatedly been decided. The proper answers to these several questions, one would think, no one would fail to perceive and to suggest, yet the decision upon each of them in the Lodge where they originated I reversed; hence I feel it my duty to present them here, with my views clearly expressed, in order that the answers, if approved by this Grand Body, may become guiding precedents in future emergencies of the same nature should they occur. Here follow my answers to these questions:

I. A suspended brother may petition his Lodge for restoration without recommendation, but to claim the favorable consideration of the Lodge it is better to be recommended.

II. A Mason under sentence of suspension may be tried by his Lodge for offenses committed subsequent to the sentence, or, for a repetition of the offense for which he was suspended, and, if found guilty, may be expelled.

III. It is not necessary to reinstate the delinquent to enable the Lodge to take this action.

IV. A brother who has been raised or admitted to membership upon demit, subsequent to the sentence of suspension is competent to sit on any committee of the Lodge;

V. And to vote on all questions arising before the Lodge while acting in either a parliamentary or judicial capacity.

VI. A suspended member cannot be admitted into the Lodge; therefore he must appear by agent or attorney; such agent or attorney must be a Master Mason. If the accused make no such appearance, it becomes the duty of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge to appoint one of the members of the Lodge as such agent or attorney, whose duty it becomes to see that the trial shall be fairly

conducted, and that the rights of the accused shall not be periled.

Fourth. It is claimed by some of the members of our Lodge that an unaffiliated mason can not prefer charges against a member of a Lodge; by some it is claimed that he can not visit a Lodge except upon special permission, and that he has no right to act as attorney in the Lodge for a brother under charges of unmasonic conduct. What is the law?

Answer. Whatever may be the relation of an unaffiliated Mason to our Order, he has no rights in connection with our Lodges. He has not the right of visitation of a Lodge except three times by special permission; therefore, he can have no right to prefer charges against a member of a lodge, nor has he a right to appear as counsel or attorney for a brother under charges.

The position of a voluntarily unaffiliated Mason, in relation to our order is such as he himself has sought, therefore he must submit to its consequences and embarrassments.

Fifth. One of our members, five months ago, became dissatisfied with the action of our Lodge and declared that he would prevent any more initiations; since then every petitioner has been black-balled, and the prosperity of our Lodge greatly embarrassed. Our best citizens have been rejected. That particular member says that no more members shall be admitted until he sees proper. What ought we to do with him?

Answer. Such conduct is unmasonic. You ought to prefer charges against him, try him, and if found guilty, suspend or expel him, as the Lodge may determine.

Sixth. In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1860 I find the following question and answer. Question. A brother who cast a black ball by which a candidate was rejected, having waived his objection, can the ballot be a third time passed? Answer, by Most Worshipful J. A. Allen, Grand Master. It cannot. The petition is dead, and

can only be renewed by the petitioner and consent of the Lodge, as fixed by the By-Laws. What do we understand by the words "consent of the Lodge" in Grand Master Allen's ruling? and has his ruling been changed?

Answer. The ruling of Grand Master Allen has never been changed nor modified. I understand by the words "on consent of the Lodge," in that decision, simply to refer to the fact that no petition can at any time be received without the consent of the Lodge, which is manifested by a motion to receive and refer the petition, and an affirmative vote on such motion.

Seventh. After a candidate has received, and exhibited suitable proficiency in the first or second degrees, ought he to be prevented from advancement in any other manner than by preferring charges against him in due form?

Answer. It is the privilege of any member, at any stage of advancement of a candidate to secretly cast a black ball when the ballot is passed. He need not assign his reason for so doing, and ought not to disclose who cast the black ball. Here ends the law.

It is the duty of every Mason who knows an advancing brother to be guilty of unmasonic conduct to prefer charges against him if he can make the proof of his guilt; if, however, he is unable to make such proof all he can do is to cast his black ball, and this, in such case it is his duty to do.

Eighth. Can demitted Masons be accepted into a Lodge while working under dispensation?

This question has been presented to me for decision four or five times during the last year.

Answer. According to usages, rules and general practice of Masonry they can not, but by virtue of a special edict of our Grand Lodge they may.

Ninth. Has the Worshipful Master the power, after charges have been preferred in writing, and after examining them carefully, to say to the brother that preferred the

charges that he thinks the charges are insufficient and that he can not proceed to trial?

Answer. Yes; the Worshipful Master ought not to entertain frivolous charges, or such as do not show clearly, if proven, a masonic misdemeanor against one of the members of his Lodge.

Tenth. Has the Worshipful Master the right to submit the charges to the Lodge, and let them decide if they are insufficient or not, in place of the Worshipful Master?

Answer. If the Worshipful Master is in doubt as to the sufficiency or competency of charges, it is proper to take the opinion of his Lodge upon that subject by a vote. But such opinion of the Lodge thus expressed is only advisory and of no legal force upon the Worshipful Master who is alone responsible in the premises, he acting as the presiding head of a judicial tribunal.

On the 3d day of February last I received the complaint, in the form of a memorial, of brother John P. Hachenburg, a member of White Pigeon Lodge, No. 104, against said White Pigeon Lodge.

The said memorial represents that said White Pigeon Lodge is indebted to said brother Hachenburg in a balance due him for rent of a hall as a lodge room, and that said Lodge refuses to liquidate and pay the same.

Said complaint represents that said Lodge at one time audited and allowed said claim, and directed an order to be drawn therefor, and that upon the Worshipful Master refusing to draw such order, said resolution directing such order to be drawn was rescinded by said Lodge.

Upon receiving this complaint I issued a commission directed to Brother H. H. Riley, a worthy member of Siloam Lodge, No. 35, and an able, experienced and eminent attorney and counsellor at law, as chairman, and brothers Cyrus Schellhous and Samuel R. Rockwell, also worthy members of said Siloam Lodge, as his associates. In my commission said Committee were directed to investigate the matter of

complaint, and to make a just and equitable award between the memorialist and said White Pigeon Lodge.

On the 30th day of August last said commission was returned by said Chairman with the report of the Committee of their action under the same, which said report shows an award by said committee of twenty-one dollars and eighty-five cents in favor of said memorialist and against said White Pigeon Lodge.

Since the report of said award by said committee, I have been informed by the Worshipful Master of said White Pigeon Lodge that it would decline the payment of said sum so awarded, believing, as the Lodge does, that the same matter had been presented to the Grand Lodge at its last annual meeting, by it referred to a committee, and finally adjudicated upon by its action in the adoption of the report of the committee. At the last annual meeting of this Grand Body, Brother Hachenberg presented a complaint against Brother George G. Puy, for refusing, as the Worshipful Master of said White Pigeon Lodge, to draw the order mentioned above, but put nothing in issue by his memorial of complaint except that one fact.

I recommend that the whole subject matter of this memorial and commission, with the proceedings under it, be referred to a proper committee. All the documents in the case are herewith submitted.

In the month of October I received a communication from Rev. J. M. Cline, Worshipful Master of Rockhill Lodge, No. 111, in South Carolina, representing that he was in circumstances of great destitution and suffering—that he had a helpless and dependent family—that although he had charge of a congregation, yet his parishioners could give him no aid, inasmuch as they were all in like destitute circumstances—that hunger and famine threatened on every side—that a failure of the crops in the neighborhood struck terror into every heart, and that starvation in his family was inevitable, only as it might

be averted by donations from abroad, and, in the true spirit of Masonry, praying for aid. This appeal from a brother in distress I could not withstand, and having at that time in my hands some funds belonging to the Grand Lodge, I forwarded to our needy brother twenty-five dollars, which was duly received and gratefully acknowledged. I hope this donation will meet your approbation.

On the 24th of June I dedicated the Masonic Temple in the city of Adrian. This was a memorable day for Masonry in that city. The Temple edifice is an honor to the State and a credit to our order. Much praise is due to our brethren at Adrian, whose enterprise devised and carried into perfection this magnificent design. The cost of this edifice is nearly one hundred thousand dollars. As a specimen of architecture it is a model of excellence.

On the occasion of the dedication of this building, a large concourse of brethren attended the ceremonies and increased the procession of the Grand Lodge, which was indebted to the courtesy of Adrian Commandery of Knights Templar for an immediate escort. The ceremonies were conducted with the usual impressive solemnity. The weather was fair, and all the circumstances and attending events unusually auspicious.

The brethren of Adrian, by their kind and generous hospitality, laid the grand officers under renewed obligations, in discharge of which we could only tender them our unfeigned and most cordial acknowledgments. May they long live to diffuse divine light from their magnificent Temple.

On the 25th of December I visited Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 166, at Quincy, in the county of Branch. This Lodge may boast of an active and enterprising brotherhood. It has completed a new and elegant hall, which is fitted up with good taste and at a considerable expense. This hall I dedicated, while on my visit, with usual Masonic ceremonies. The dedicatory ceremonies and the address which

followed them were public, and I have no doubt made a salutary impression upon the public mind.

On the 26th day of December I visited Tracy Lodge, No. 167, and installed the officers thereof, then newly elected. This flourishing Lodge is located at Deerfield, and is composed of true and excellent men.

The forenoon of the anniversary of our patron saint John the Evangelist, I spent with the brethren of Blanchard Lodge, No. 102, when I publicly installed the newly-elected officers. This is also a flourishing Lodge. It is the owner of a fine and well-appointed hall. The skill and dignity of the members of this Lodge, as Masons, and their probity and integrity as men, will secure the prosperity of the Lodge and the favorable opinion of the public for Masonry.

On the evening of the same day I visited Monroe Lodge, No. 27, installed its officers privately, and delivered a public address in the City Hall, after which I united with the brethren of this Lodge and Eureka Lodge, No. 107, in a most sumptuous banquet prepared for the occasion. Masonry is most prosperous in the city of Monroe. These two Lodges embrace among its members many of the most distinguished and influential citizens, while impressions favorable to our order are rapidly increasing. Our Worshipful Brother A. J. Sawyer, W. M., who has proved a most efficient working member of the Grand Lodge, was re-elected Worshipful Master of Monroe Lodge and our Brother Hurd, of Eureka Lodge.

It is with great pleasure that I remember the brethren of Quincy, Deerfield, Petersburg and Monroe, and with sensations of the most unfeigned thankfulness their courtesies to me, and their many manifestations of fraternal regard and personal respect. These I shall not soon forget, nor cease to cherish as the cheering hours of refreshment, mingled with the official duties I have endeavored to discharge.

On the same day our Worshipful Brother Rev. A. G. Hibbard, acting as my proxy, duly appointed for the purpose, installed the officers of Lyons Lodge, No. 37, and dedicated a new hall recently erected by that Lodge, their old hall having been consumed by fire. I have been informed by our Worshipful Brother Hibbard that the installation and dedicatory ceremonies, and the address delivered by him, were public, that they were satisfactory to the brethren, and left a favorable impression upon the public mind. In his report to me, Brother Hibbard remarks as follows:

"The brethren at Lyons have labored very hard in erecting their hall, which is tasteful and commodious, and well adapted to the use of the Lodge. The Lodge owns the building, upon which there is remaining unpaid nearly three thousand dollars, and, taking into consideration their loss by fire and the heavy burden the Lodge has assumed, I would suggest that their dues be remitted by the Grand Lodge this year."

I commend this suggestion of Brother Hibbard to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that the dues of Lyons Lodge, No. 37, for this year, be remitted accordingly.

I have received the report of Right Worshipful Thomas U. Flanner, District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula.

This report I have placed in the hands of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, to be presented by him for your consideration and action.

While this report is characterized by marked ability, it manifests great caution as well as sound judgment—a high appreciation of the best interests of our order, and a sense of the important trusts to which that distinguished brother has been appointed. Under his administration, Masonry has rapidly increased in that portion of our Grand Jurisdiction, while under his discreet and judicious management its ministrings have proven most successful and salutary.

This report discloses certain judicial opinions, in which

I concur, but which it would be well to submit to the consideration of the proper committee, and through it to the decision of the Grand Lodge.

Permit me to avail myself of this occasion to return to Right Worshipful Brother Flanner my cordial thanks for the faithful and able manner in which he has discharged the several duties imposed upon him by the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master, and the signal services he has rendered to this Grand Body in exercising the functions of that office in his peculiar jurisdiction. In these sentiments, I have no doubt, every member of this Grand Lodge will most cheerfully concur.

There are several important subjects which will urge themselves upon the grave consideration of this Grand Body at the present time, touching which, I have no doubt, your sound and deliberate judgment will be adequate to their importance.

Among these I regard that of a Grand Temple or Edifice, as a Masonic home for this Grand Body, as one of great moment, and one that claims early and earnest consideration. In considering this matter questions of great difficulty and suggestions involved in great doubt and ambiguity must necessarily arise. Among these will be the primary one, is it expedient at this time to undertake such an enterprise? If this question be decided affirmatively, where, then, shall it be located? Ought not the income from its rents be an object second only to its erection? Ought donations, with a view of inducing its location at any particular city or town, to govern or influence the ultimate decision upon this point?

These questions must arise in connection with the action of this body in relation to this subject, and will demand your earnest and calm deliberation.

It will be remembered that a committee was appointed at our last Grand Communication to consider this subject and to report their opinion thereon, and that that committee

obtained leave to report at this grand communication. I await that report with great anxiety, and, no doubt, each of you look forward to it with deep interest. Our institution is failing in one of its great designs until it enshrines itself in something useful for mankind—until it identifies itself with some great humanitarian movement—some distinctive benevolent enterprize characterized and marked by the spirit of the age. There is no method to make the pecuniary means available to such a purpose so readily and so certainly as the establishment of a building in one of our large and growing cities, where the rents of a portion of it would be a source of revenue while it furnishes an asylum for this grand body.

Perhaps the consideration of this subject, at this time, may be premature, but the discussion of it may prepare the minds of our successors to embrace the earliest advantages when such an enterprise may become expedient and practicable. I earnestly commend it to your consideration.

I have noticed that in several Grand Jurisdictions, a system of life insurance has been adopted among our brethren, which proves a safe and profitable investment at a small expense. Any Master Mason in good standing may become a member of such corporation by signing the by-laws thereof, and, at the same time, paying six dollars into the treasury. None but Master Masons can become members. The obligations of the individual member are these: He shall keep the Secretary of the corporation advised of his post office address, and of every birth and death in his family, and shall pay the sum of one dollar and ten cents into the treasury within thirty days after receiving from the Secretary notice of the death of a member of the corporation. His membership and interest becomes forfeited by a breach of these requirements.

The benefits of this corporation are, that when a member dies his widow shall receive, within thirty days after the Secretary has received notice of such death, as many

dollars as there are members of the corporation. If no widow survive the deceased brother, his orphans, if he has any; if none, then such other person as the member may have previously designated, shall receive the same sum the widow would have been entitled to.

I have regarded this institution as one not only salutary in its effects, but one of great importance to our brotherhood, I commend it to the consideration of our brethren.

I have heard with great pleasure, since I arrived in the city, that there is already one organization upon this plan instituted here, of which Brother John P. Fisk, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, is President.

Another subject to which I would respectfully invite your attention is that of a republication of the earlier proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The proceedings of the first and perhaps the second Grand Communications, are nearly out of print. There are but five or six copies known, and, I believe, they are the individual property of the brethren in whose possession they are to be found. It would be a great loss, not only to the members of this Grand Lodge and our brethren in our own jurisdiction, but to our beloved Order elsewhere, should these early pages of our Masonic history become extinct through our negligence and improvidence.

I submit to you whether it is not our duty to gather up these fragments of history, and to publish some three or four years of our proceedings in one pamphlet for preservation, thus putting them within the reach of every brother who has a sufficient respect for the memories of our Masonic fathers, and cherishes sufficient honor for our early history, as seen in the records of their actions in Grand Communication, to pay for them. I have no doubt that a sufficient number of them would be readily sold to cover the expense of their publication.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge a committee, which was appointed at the Communication for the year

1866, for that purpose, reported a ritual for funeral service. Final action upon this report was postponed until this Communication. The subject of this report will again demand your attention. This report has been subjected to the criticism of several of our sister jurisdictions, and, so far as I can judge, has been approved by them. The severest criticism that has been brought to my notice may be found in the report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence in the proceedings of a neighboring jurisdiction, and the only objection to the report in this instance was that it embraces nothing new. However this may be, the ritual, as reported by your committee, possesses the merit of great simplicity and literary beauty, while it is entirely as impressive as the old form. It is also more concise than the old ritual, that having been pruned by your committee of several tedious and prolix ceremonies and allusions. I have no doubt but that your good taste and judgment will make this ritual what it ought to be, and that you will dispose of it finally to the satisfaction of ourselves and to the honor of Masonry.

Another subject to which I would respectfully invite your attention, as one which I think might, with signal advantage to Masonry in this State, become the subject of special legislation, is that of by-laws for subordinate Lodges.

Upon an examination of the several systems of by-laws, as adopted by our subordinates, it will appear that many of them are supererogatory, being no more nor less than a re-enactment or reiteration of ancient land-marks—inherent rules of Masonic right and traditionary usage. These confusions of the special enactments of a particular Lodge with ancient usages, constitutions and regulations, tend also to confuse the young student of the philosophy and economy of the institution of Masonry, and may, to an extent, embarrass his discrimination as to the true source of Masonic authority, and may lead him to ascribe to the one an authority which emanates from the other.

This Grand Lodge recommended a system of by-laws to its subordinates, but I submit for your consideration whether it would not be well for the Grand Lodge to settle upon a system, leaving blank the times and places of meeting, the name of the Lodge and the amount of fees for degrees and Lodge dues, and, by its edict, require all subordinate Lodges to be governed by them.

The duties and practices of Lodges and their members are uniform in their natures, and, with the variations mentioned, a salutary system of police government would be equally applicable to all. By this step not only a uniform system of lodge government would prevail throughout the grand jurisdiction, but the Grand Lodge itself would become the interpreter of the by-laws in its general judicial administration, and thereby save the time and vexation wasted in the discussion of the various questions and constructions arising in the Lodges out of the by-laws as we now find them.

As a question of pecuniary economy this idea commends itself. The expense of printing by-laws each year, by the several subordinate Lodges in the aggregate amounts to a considerable sum, and then some of them are executed in such a manner that they are no credit to either the Lodge or the printer. Were the Grand Secretary to procure a certain number of them printed in a proper manner, to be paid for at their original cost by the Lodges desiring them, I have no doubt that they would be well executed, in a mechanical and typographical point of view and furnished to Lodges much cheaper than they can be now furnished.

This plan has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of California with most signal success. I understand also that the Grand Lodge of that State, upon this plan, furnishes all the necessary books and blanks for subordinate Lodges through the Grand Secretary, the Lodges paying the original expense for the same, whereby the by-laws, records, and general proceedings of the subordinate Lodges

are found to be uniform throughout the whole grand jurisdiction.

I have no doubt of the great convenience and salutary effect of such a measure.

Permit me to commend this system, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of California, as one founded in wise legislation, and to recommend it to your consideration as an example worthy of our imitation.

Brethren, let me impress upon each of you to cultivate a knowledge of our ancient and honorable art. No Mason is excusable for his ignorance of the fundamental rules and axioms of moral science, when its inculcation is made one of the cardinal objects of our order. That code of ethics which teaches man his duty to God, to his neighbor, and to himself, is constantly before our eyes, and should become the subject of our investigation and a guide to our moral conduct. Individual rectitude of action in the members of our organization not only elevates the individual to distinguished social and civil positions, but gives character, moral strength and dignity to the institutions of which he may be a member.

How important, then, that we, as members of our peculiar order, should be upright in our action, as members of society and of the State, sincere, earnest and dignified in our intercourse with our fellow man, and pure, lofty and independent in our moral aspirations.

As individuals, moral obliquities and derelictions among the members of our order must bring reproach and scandal upon it; we ought to avoid every excess that might subject us to censure, or masonry to the severe criticism of the most fastidious moralist.

The vice of intemperance is so common and prevalent that we are stigmatized in some portions of Europe as a nation of drunkards. While intemperance is called a vice in the profane, it becomes a crime in a Mason, as he not only violates his duty as a citizen and a member of the

domestic circle, but he becomes guilty of a breach of the most solemn engagements to the noble order of which he is a member, and the most sacred covenants in behalf of humanity.

It matters not what measures the supreme legislature may have inaugurated, aiming at the suppression of this vice, how far they may have failed, or how far they may have proved salutary, or what their effect, moral or political, may have been upon the masses, these are matters which, as Masons, we do not discuss, and upon which we hold no Masonic opinion. It is enough for us that here, in our high sanctuary, we have a temperance society of our own, a reform school, which can not be true to mankind, true to itself, and true to those sublime principles it professes, and, at the same time, tolerate those departures from moral and Masonic duty as manifested in the social vice and Masonic crime of intemperance. Let this moral corruption and deformity be plucked out from the order like a canker worm from the flower of moral beauty.

For the common street drunkard there may be a charitable palliation found, perhaps, in the circumstances of his education and the conditions and surroundings of his whole life. He may be illiterate and uninformed in the common decencies and social conduct of life. He may have been reared in a den of vice, and educated in the midst of debaucheries and drunkenness, and know no better life. But the Mason has no such excuses to mitigate the censure of the virtuous. The mason is surrounded by high and honorable men who call him brother, and encouraged and supported in well doing by their example. They guide his footsteps to a fountain of purity, and open before his eyes a halo of moral light. A thousand influences are brought to bear upon his conduct; a thousand restraints upon his moral action; and, if in spite of all these he fall, it is like an angel of heaven, from pure and everlasting light into moral darkness and degradation, too gross to mingle with the dust and ashes in which he grovels.

This vice, I am happy to say, is disappearing among the members of our fraternity in this jurisdiction, whether through expulsions and suspensions, or through reformation, perhaps, we can not accurately judge. We hope, however, more through the latter than the former of these causes. If, from the latter cause, it is noble in the individual brethren; if from the former, it is praiseworthy in the lodges.

I regret to learn that within the past year our time honored order has met with religious denunciation and opposition in Italy. Whether this originates in bigotry and that blind intolerance that so often waits upon bigotry and fanaticism, or in a jealousy of the increasing usefulness and popularity of our ancient institution in Europe, is somewhat problematical. Our institution has ever been, and ever will be, by its enlightening influences upon the human mind, an enemy to bigotry and an obstacle to the operations of intolerance, whether civil or religious. Not that it interferes with the plans and designs of church or state, but in that it teaches its disciples freedom of thought and independence of action, and points out to them the right from the wrong — the good from the evil.

Our brethren in Italy have met these denunciations as Masons have ever been known to meet emergencies of adversity, with moral courage, and cool, deliberate and dignified firmness of purpose. With the most respectful submission to both civil and religious authority, they show their masonic education by a determined denial in any human power of the authority to require in them a compromise with their own consciences.

I regret still more to learn that in our own free land, within the past year, religious fanatics have raised their voices against ours, as well as all other secret organizations. This is the more to be regretted, because in our country it was hoped and believed that religion had divested itself of the last tattered rag of bigotry which in darker ages had

draped and partially disguised her beautiful form—had ceased to quarrel with contemporaries, and was rapidly ascending to a sacred eminence of philosophical and divine light which would develop the sacred truths of Christian purity and human economy combined. We had reason to believe that the Christian Church would be the last to attempt to pick the mote out of its brother's eye until it first plucked the beam out of its own.

In the State of Ohio the question of secret societies was raised in the highest parliamentary body of one of the most numerous denominations in that State; and one, also, characterized by great intellect, wisdom and piety, through its highly educated and accomplished clergy. This body, after mature deliberation and dispassionate discussion of secret orders, their effect upon the human family, politically and socially, the relation they bore to the church, and their effect upon the Christian religion, resolved that it could find no evil in the institution of Freemasonry—that it could see nothing in it to affect unfavorably the Christian religion, or the relation of its members to the Christian Church. While this resolution manifests the impartial judgment and the sound wisdom of this body, it also testifies the unassuming piety and goodness of its members.

Yet, while this comes on the soft wings of peace and good will from Ohio, we are suddenly surprised with the voice of denunciation and crimination from another quarter, vying in virulence and unchristian intolerance with the inefficient and purile bulls and anathemas from the papal father in Italy.

Why should the Protestant of America emulate the Romanist of Italy in bigotry and intolerance? Here the banner of freedom waves—there the rod of iron rules. What does the American Protestant hope to effect in the way of suppressing secret societies in this free land, if the Holy Father with his rod of iron fail in the same enterprise, clothed with all his civil and religious authority in a land of slaves?

In the State of Illinois, during the last fall, a public call was made for a convention of Christians of different denominations for prayer and consultation upon the following topics:

"1st. The relation of the present secret orders to the Christian Religion."

"2d. The duty of professing Christians in reference to them."

3d. The propriety of calling a National Convention upon the subject."

This most singular document presents an anomaly in the history of our country's progress. How is such a convention to determine the relation of secret orders to the Christian religion if it does not know first what the secret orders are? If the convention know what the secret orders are then they do not come under its consideration, for they are not secret orders.

This part of the call, stripped of its meretricious garb of high pretension, and seen in its simplicity of ridiculous meaning would appear to better advantage in these words:

"Let us meet in convention, and there being met, let us determine the relation something bears to the Christian religion—the peculiar nature of which said something we know nothing about, and about which we can find out nothing."

With what force such a sentence must strike the public mind in this age of intelligence!

One would think that it did not require an august convention to determine the relation between the Christian religion and an institution which feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, visits the sick, pours in the oil and wine of consolation, binds up the wounds of the afflicted, heals discords among men and breathes amenities in society. The Wise Master has given Christians a means of determining this relation without conventions, albeit the one may be secret and unknown in its secret operation; that means is in

these words, "By their fruits ye shall know them." But perhaps those who called that convention, in their anxiety to make war upon fancied evils, had entirely forgotten that rule.

One would think that Christians of every denomination had enough to do in meeting and contending with the crying vices and crimes which meet them openly in the highways and howl defiance in their ears, not to step aside in search of something of which they know nothing in the by-ways, to contend with and suppress—it may be good, it may be evil—which they know not, which they can not find out except by its fruits.

If those who called that convention, instead of calling conventions, were to do what they ought to do for mankind, for Christ's sake, perhaps it would not be necessary to organize secret orders to do the same things for humanity's sake.

The second proposition of that call would intimate that it was proposed that the convention would undertake to determine for others what their religious duty was, and thereby circumscribe and limit the conscience of the individual.

Will such a thing be attempted in this land of liberty of conscience—in a land where this precious boon has been vouchsafed to every individual by our civil institutions, and sealed with blood? Such an attempt is resisted in Italy, and will it be submitted to by any Christian or freeman in America?

The third proposition suggests a national convention. That smells of a political platform under the disguise of religious sanctity. But that must fail. Do they who called the convention not know that a large majority of the men of weight and influence in this country are members of some secret order? If they are not Masons they may be found enrolled in some other secret association or institution. How can such a political enterprise prevail now, with this odds against it, when, on a former occasion Masonry alone withstood a political shock aimed by the most malevolent ingenuity of

the most able politicians and the most mercenary demagogues of the age?

This discussion of secret societies in public conventions, and through public prints, simply shows how little their opponents know of the age in which they live. Every year, every month and every day brings to view some new manifestation of the high respect that is entertained for them by the public sentiment, and how few men there are that sanction this war upon shadows—this battle upon phantoms.

The Convention thus called met in the State of Illinois pursuant to the call, and insulted the intelligence of the nineteenth century and its free institutions, as well as the free Gospel of the Saviour, by adopting a resolution which debars from the Church and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper all who belong to secret orders or societies.

Is this the spirit of the divine invitation, "Come unto me ye weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest; drink of the waters freely, without money and without price"?

Does the original text, as it fell like refreshing drops of heavenly dew from divine lips, gain any thing in its moral beauty from the addition by the Aurora Convention? How does it appear?

"Come unto me ye weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest—if you are not Free Masons; drink of the waters freely, without money and without price—if you are not Odd Fellows or Good Templars."

Is this resolution imbued with the spirit of religion? Yes! with the spirit of that religion which stoned Stephen and nailed Jesus to the cross, and which this day would stain its garments and steep its two-edged sword in the blood of Free Masons were it not for the protecting arm of the civil law.

But the Convention stopped not at this, but by the adoption of a resolution restraining the members of the Convention from supporting any one for an office of civil or political trust who belongs to a secret order.

This discloses the wolf in sheep's clothing, and wipes from the fair vestments of Christianity this shame—this

disgrace—this odious scandal—inasmuch as this resolution proclaims its originators and its supporters a combination of political hacks and adventurers under the sacred guise of religious sancity.

Brethren, remember that you stand under the eye of an inquisition; therefore let your walk be circumspect and your conduct as citizens without fault, as men without blemish, and, as Masons, without suspicion; then may we turn to this Convention and exclaim, "Why doth the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things"?

Brethren, you have twice, by your suffrages, placed me at the head of this Grand Lodge as its presiding officer. For this mark of your confidence in me, and this distinguished honor you have conferred upon me, I am most grateful. I am not insensible to either, and will ever cherish this mark of your confidence and fraternal regard as an assurance that I have not lived in vain, and that the aims of my Masonic life and action have not been entirely without point to have merited this assurance. For two years I have endeavored to discharge the duties of Grand Master. These duties I have found laborious, and, in many instances, complex and difficult. In every emergency of duty I have kept justice, equity and the honor of Masonry in view as my cardinal guides. If I have failed in any instance, it was without intention on my part.

I understand that many of my brethren again desire me to permit my name to go before you again as a candidate for this honored position. With many thanks to my brethren for this additional manifestation of their esteem, I must, in justice to myself, most respectfully beg leave to decline this honor.

Brethren, I leave the Grand Orient again to mingle with you in the labors of humanity, believing that he is most honored who does the most good to his fellow man, and that he is most distinguished who merits the highest meed of gratitude. May peace and harmony, success and prosperity crown your labors.

SALATHIEL C. COFFINBURY.

On motion of Bro. Morrison it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have four thousand extra copies of the M. W. Grand Master's address printed for the use of the Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of Bro. Fiske it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master's address be referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

Bros. John P. Fiske, W. V. Morrison, and A. D. Crane were appointed such Committee.

The report of R. W. Thos. U. Flanner, District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula, was then read by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's address.

REPORT.

HANCOCK, DEC. 23d, A. D. 1867, A. L. 5867.

S. C. Coffinbury, Grand Master Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan:

MOST WORSHIPFUL—In again submitting to you a report of my official acts, and the condition of the craft in the portion of your jurisdiction assigned by your generous confidence to my subordinate care, I cannot refrain from an expression of devout thankfulness to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the manifold blessings with which, as Masons, we have been surrounded both in our associated and individual relations.

The Lodges of the Upper Peninsula are prosperous and harmonious. Large numbers have, during the year, sought the light which is reflected by the lectures and work of our pure and beautiful symbolism. At the same time, proper care has been exercised in the selection of material for our moral temple, and I feel that the craft have been strengthened and encouraged to pursue their labors industriously in search of the hidden mysteries and excellencies of our Order. Numerous questions relative to Masonic law and usage have been submitted for my consideration during the year, but as many of them were such as involved points already decided by the Grand

Lodge, or were of universal acceptance, I will only call your attention to such of my official acts as it may seem proper to submit to your notice as Grand Master.

Early in the year I had occasion to interpose my authority in the adjustment of a misunderstanding between a Worshipful Master and the Brethren of his Lodge. The correspondence, which resulted in my suspending the Worshipful Master, is in your hands. Subsequent investigation proved that the difficulty had grown out of misapprehension, and possibly some external influences, and was in reality groundless. All concerned having shown a commendable spirit of charity and forbearance I restored the Worshipful Master to his position and I am happy to inform you that the Lodge is now in a high state of prosperity and working peacefully and harmoniously.

At a called Communication of a Lodge neither the Master or Wardens were present. A Past Master of a neighboring Lodge was summoned who opened the Lodge and conferred the Third Degree. The question of the legality of the work was brought to my notice by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. I instructed him that as no one but the Master or Wardens had the authority to congregate the Lodge the work must be considered *irregular*. I advised him at a subsequent communication to heal the Brother thus raised by re-instructing him in a portion of the Lectures and work and adjusting the minutes of the Lodge accordingly.

The same question was involved in another case where the Master and Wardens were unable to attend the Communications of the Lodge, and a private Brother was conducting the work. I instructed them as before, that in the absence of the three principal officers no Lodge could be opened, and that no remedy existed but in the dispensing power of the M. W. Grand Master or his deputy. This case subsequently involved the question as to the legality or propriety of a private Brother conferring the degrees after the Lodge had been previously opened by a Master or Warden, who then retired. I advised against it on the ground that as the work was an essential and very important part of the business of the Lodge no one who had not been *properly qualified* could take the chair and assume the prerogatives appertaining to that position. If done at all it could only be while a properly qualified officer occupied the East and assumed the responsibility and conduct of the work.

The question of jurisdiction between Quincy and Houghton Lodges was submitted to me. These Lodges are less than a mile apart but separated by the waters of Portage Lake. Although the Grand Constitution defines jurisdiction in general to be the geographical centre between contiguous Lodges, yet in view of the fact that Houghton Lodge was established on the grounds that its relative position to Quincy Lodge was such as to justify the waiving of the recommendation that contiguous Lodges be separated at least ten miles, I ordered

that Portage Lake be regarded as the line of jurisdiction between the two Lodges until the matter could be definitely established by edict or otherwise of the Grand Lodge. I would advise that this be confirmed, more especially as this is the unanimous wish of both Lodges.

About the middle of November I received a petition from a constitutional number of brethren, accompanied by all the necessary requirements, for a dispensation to open a new Lodge at Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County. I advised them, in view of the near approach of the session of the Grand Lodge, to apply directly to that body for a Charter. I presume their petition will be presented, and I can most cheerfully recommend it to the favorable consideration of yourself and the Grand Lodge. Their principal officers, as recommended, are skillful and intelligent Masons, and they have a proper and secure place for their meetings. A Lodge at that point will doubtless contribute to the convenience of numerous brethren, and serve the true interests of the craft by the diffusion of the benign principles of our order.

The question of the possession and use of keys has been repeatedly brought to my notice. I have not hesitated to declare that by the action of the Grand Lodge they were positively and without qualification interdicted, and their indiscriminate possession and use forbidden. * * * * *

Allow me, in conclusion, to thank you alike for the official trust you have reposed in me, and for numerous acts of personal and fraternal courtesy received at your hands. In return I can only say that, while regretting that I could not have brought more ability, more knowledge, more light, to the discharge of the duties of the office you have twice so kindly assigned to me, I have striven faithfully, as far as in me lay, to maintain the dignity and authority of the Grand Lodge, and promote the harmony and effectiveness of the subordinates of the Upper Peninsula.

I may be permitted, without any imputation of flattery, to congratulate you, Most Worshipful, on the essential services you have rendered the craft, and the endeared place which you will ever hold in the hearts of your brethren.

Wishing the Grand Lodge a harmonious and profitable session,

I remain, yours in the strong bond,

THOMAS U. FLANNER,

D. D. G. M. for Upper Peninsula.

REPORT.

The Special Committee on the division and reference of the Address of the M. W. Grand Master made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully submit the following synopsis, to wit:

1. Dispensations for new Lodges.
2. Decisions of questions of Masonic law.
3. The complaint of Salina Lodge against Corunna Lodge.
4. The complaint of Bro. Hackenburg vs. White Pigeon Lodge.
5. The donation to Bro. Cline, of South Carolina.
6. The subject of a Temple Edifice. This is already under consideration by a committee appointed last year.
7. The subject of the re-publication of the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge.
8. The subject of uniform by-laws for Subordinate Lodges.
9. The District Deputy Grand Master's report.
10. District system and District Deputy Grand Masters.

And recommend the several subjects be referred, as follows:

1. Committee on Examination.
- 2, 8 and 9. Committee on Masonic Law.
- 3 and 4. Committee on Grievances.
5. Select Committee of three.
7. Select Committee of three.
10. Select Committee of three.

JOHN P. FISKE,
W. V. MORRISON,
A. D. CRANE,
Committee.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following select committees, to wit:

On Section 5—The M. Rev. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. Boynton, Milo Clark.

On Section 7—Bros. Quackenbush, Hodges and Dodge.

On Section 10—Bros. J. E. Johnson, P. G. M., Hon. W. M. Fenton, P. G. M., F. Darrow, P. G. M.

On motion of Bro. J. Eastman Johnson, P. G. M., it was

Resolved, That all matters pertaining to Lodges which have suffered by fire the past year be referred to a special committee of three.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as such committee Bros. J. Eastman Johnson, T. G. Green and W. V. Morrison.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

The appeal of James A. Lee from the action in his case of Dowagiac Lodge, No. 10, and the appeal of J. P. Hackenburg from the action of White Pigeon Lodge, No. 104, were presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

The R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer then presented his annual report, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the proceedings.

REPORT.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The undersigned, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, respectfully reports that within the last year I have visited and instructed thirty new

Lodges, acting under Dispensations and Charters, and established in different and occasionally remote sections of the State, and have also visited and carefully supervised the Lectures and work of about forty of the older Lodges. In regard to these I have simply to report that the new Lodges have commenced under favorable auspices and the older Lodges are adhering with commendable zeal to the edicts of the Grand Lodge. Almost everywhere I have noticed the fruits of the good work established years since by the Grand Lodge, in progressive uniformity, in lectures and work, and harmony in action.

During twelve successive years I have been honored with the important trust of Grand Visitor and Lecturer within your jurisdiction, and the result of my observations confirm the opinion of others and prove beyond question the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in adopting the "National system of Lectures and Work" at an early period after the revival of Masonry in Michigan as our standard and guide to the Lodges and to the Grand Visitors and Lecturers. Under this salutary regulation no tares have been sown or permitted to spring up from bad seed scattered by wayfarers, which tend to distract the attention of the brethren, and waste their time to root out noxious weeds, not of Masonic growth.

Innovation—unless founded on principles as solid as truth—a mere love of change—has overturned and ruined many of the wisest institutions of man. All the evils that Free Masonry has encountered from remote ages to the present time, when not the result of bigotry and superstition, have arisen from an insatiable desire of restless spirits for change.

After the close of the dark or middle ages of the world, literature, sciences and the arts steadily advanced and progressively developed new and beautiful forms of work and ornate and highly polished modes of expressing thought. Why, amid all these grand and elegant improvements, should Masonry ever remain the same? Why retain those antiquated forms with such jealous care? Why preserve such quaint and simple language in place of using the polished and refined words and ideas which adorn the literature of modern times? In place of saying Worshipful Master, or Worshipful Grand Master, why not say Mr. Moderator, Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President? Why not substitute "Sentinel" for Warden, and "Guard" for Tyler? Of what use is all this antiquated rubbish—why remain ever the same? We answer, for the precise reason we tolerate no change in the Bible. Modern innovators might make that more elegant in diction, but modern innovators might also impair its faithfulness, sublimity and truth. We love the Bible as it is. We want no change in the Word of God as handed down to us from remote ages, when the patriarchs, prophets and martyrs stood almos' face to face with Deity. And we tolerate no modern innovations in our Order under the subtle guise of improvement, because modern innovators would ruin it. We rev-

erence our Order as a pure and noble work of antiquity; we love it for its simple, impressive forms and unadorned truths — forms, symbols and words, as our oral histories teach, just as they were used by Solomon, Hiram of Tyre, Hiram the Architect, and associated Craftsmen who founded our order during the progress and before the completion of the Holy Temple at Jerusalem. There is no such thing as "modern Free Masonry"—no room for innovation, no possible improvement in change. Free Masonry to-day is the Free Masonry as it was nearly three thousand years ago; constituting a bridge, as it were, connecting the work of remote ages with the work of the present time; over which Masons may pass, blindfolded, if they please, and with safety, up to the very walls of the old Temple at Jerusalem, and amid its ruins rejoice that the Order established there, and the principles inculcated have been faithfully handed down from age to age by wise and true hearted Masons without reckless innovations or material change in the ancient landmarks.

Before closing, I desire publicly to express my grateful thanks to the Monroe and Tecumseh Lodges for their brotherly love and kindness during my recent bereavement. When sorrow and death enter our households, the admirable features of the Masonic Order are at once apparent in the quiet sympathy which marks a Mason's conduct toward his distressed brother.

To the Grand Lodge, and to the whole brotherhood of Masons throughout the State, I am also under deep obligations for long continued kindness, forbearance and support, and if, in your opinion, the time has arrived when the interests of the Craft can be better sustained by a younger and more active Grand Visitor and Lecturer, I trust no delicacy of feeling for a battered old Craftsman like myself will prevent such action as in your judgment the unity, usefulness and general prosperity of the Order demands.

Respectfully submitted,

S. BLANCHARD.

REPORT.

Rev. Bro. J. Boynton presented the following question, which was referred to the standing Committee on Grievances, who reported thereon as follows, their report being accepted and adopted:

Question 1. Can a Mason who has been indefinitely suspended be restored to membership of his Lodge without having first filed a

petition praying for reinstatement, and the same having been referred to and reported upon by a committee?

2. Can a Mason so suspended be restored without a secret ballot?

Your Committee on Masonic Law beg leave to report that a Mason indefinitely suspended should apply by petition, which need not be referred. The ballot should be secret.

J. W. CHAMPLIN,

M. S. BRACKETT,

A. I. SAWYER,

Committee.

REPORT.

The special committee, to whom was referred all cases of losses sustained by lodges from fire, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

To the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan :

Your Committee on the Losses of Lodges by Fire during the past year, respectfully report that they have learned from the brethren concerned the following facts:

1. Germania Lodge, No. 79, at Saginaw City, burned May 15, 1867, lost charter, jewels, furniture, and all other property, amounting to about \$500. Insurance run out about ten days before the fire. The Secretary had been directed to renew the policy but had neglected to do so.

2. Tuscan Lodge, No. 178, at Hubbardston, Ionia County, on the 7th of May, lost by fire all their property, with their charter. Loss about \$800. Their insurance policy had just run out, and they were about taking possession of their new Lodge, and had not renewed their policy on the old Lodge, but designed to take a policy on the new one.

3. Lyons Lodge, No. 37, owned their building, costing about \$2,000 and had an insurance of \$1,000. Their building was destroyed by fire in May last, and the insurance money was paid. They have erected a new building, at a cost of about \$5,000. Loss on the building above insurance about \$1,000. They ask to have their dues remitted, as they remain in debt about \$3,000.

4. Linden Lodge, No. 132, lost property, mostly furniture, by fire, on the 12th of April last, to the value of about \$240. The Worshipful Master, Brother J. B. Hyatt, had requested an insurance agent three or four weeks before to insure them. He said he would soon

be there and insure them, but it was not done. They ask to have their dues remitted.

Your committee recommend that new charters, duplicates of the originals as near as may be, be granted without charge in place of those lost by fire; and further, that the dues of all be remitted.

5. Union Lodge, No. 28, at Union City, on the morning of the 5th of the present month, lost property by fire to the amount of \$300, but fortunately their loss is entirely covered by insurance. In this case we make no recommendation, except that we recommend all other Lodges to be equally prudent and cautious.

6. Hastings Lodge, No. 52. On Monday, the 30th of December last, their lodge and furniture were destroyed by fire. The jewels were insured for \$60, and that sum was paid. Their loss in furniture and fixtures was about \$150, for which there was no insurance. In regard to this case we make no recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
W. V. MORRISON,
T. G. GREEN,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. L. G. Sperry, it was

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Masonic Law be instructed to report the Masonic status of brethren who were members in good standing of the late Lebanon Lodge No. 6, at the time of the surrender of its charter.

REPORT.

W. Bro. T. McGregor, of Zion Lodge No. 1, presented a question from the following statement of facts, and asked that it be referred to the standing committee on Masonic Law.

Bro. A. B., during the past year, petitioned Ashlar Lodge 91 for membership; pending his application, he was taken sick and died. Should the funeral expenses be borne by Ashlar Lodge, or should Zion Lodge No. 1, as the oldest Lodge, be at the charge?

The standing committee on Masonic Law on the above made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the question proposed by W. Bro. McGregor, of Zion Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and report that it appears that the deceased brother was an involuntary unaffiliated Mason, and Ashlar Lodge, No. 91, having performed the rites of burial without objection, obtained jurisdiction, and are liable for the expense thereof.

J. W. CHAMPLIN,
A. I. SAWYER,
M. S. BRACKETT.

W. Bro. Bela Cogshall offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was accepted, and action on it was postponed until the next annual communication:

Resolved, That Article 5, Section 6, of the Constitution be so amended as to read: No Lodge shall initiate a candidate who does not reside, and has not resided six months, within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, unless recommended by a majority vote of the Lodge from whose jurisdiction he shall hail, or a candidate who has been within two years previously, rejected by another Lodge, unless recommended by a unanimous vote of the Lodge in which he was rejected.

REPORT.

M. W. Bro. W. T. Mitchell called up the Burial Service reported to the Grand Lodge at the last session, and action on it postponed until this session, whereupon it was taken from the files and referred back to the committee, and Bros. Rev. D. C. Jacokes and W. V. Morrison were added to the committee.

The Standing Committee on Grievances presented the following report, which was adopted, but which was afterwards reconsidered and laid upon the table, with leave to the appellant to withdraw his papers without prejudice.

To the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan :

Your Committee on Grievances have had submitted to them an appeal made by James A. Lee from a sentence of expulsion made against him by Dowagiac Lodge, No. 10, Free and Accepted Masons.

The charge, as appears by the record, is a general one of un-masonic conduct, without specifications.

The record does not show that the charges were preferred at a regular meeting, nor that any copy was served upon the accused.

The record does not show the evidence taken, if any, nor does it show any vote upon the question of guilt or innocence.

For these and other minor reasons appearing upon the record, your committee are of the opinion that the trial and expulsion of James A. Lee were irregular and illegal, and they therefore recommend that the sentence of expulsion be reversed, and that Bro. Lee be restored to all the rights and benefits of Masonry, without prejudice, however, to the right of the Lodge to proceed again in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. W. HARRIS,

A. D. CRANE,

E. H. GLEN,

Committee.

DETROIT, January 9, 1867.

On motion, so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address relating to expenses on the occasion of laying the corner-stone on July 4th last, was referred to the Standing Committee on Accounts.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer and Secretary then presented their annual accounts, which were accepted and referred to the Standing Committee on Accounts.

R. W. LANDON, *Grand Treasurer, in account with*

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

1866.

DR.

Jan 10.	To Pay Roll,	\$3935 75
	To T. A. Smith,	20 00
	To Warrant No. 234,	300 00
	To Warrant No. 235,	50 00
	To Warrant No. 236,	50 00
	To Warrant No. 237,	84 11
	To Warrant No. 238,	588 00
	To Warrant No. 239,	206 00
	To Warrant No. 240,	26 16

	To Warrant No. 241,	\$100 00
	To Warrant No. 242,	200 00
	To Warrant No. 243,	18 00
	To Warrant No. 244,	250 00
April 1.	To Warrant No. 245,	200 00
July 1.	To Warrant No. 246,	200 00
Oct. 1.	To Warrant No. 249,	200 00
Nov. 24.	To paid Insurance,	8 10
	To paid Warrant No. 247,	104 00
	To paid Warrant No. 248,	100 00
	To paid Warrant No. 250,	200 00
	To paid Warrant No. 251,	25 00
	To balance on hand	7765 68
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		\$14,625 75

1867.

CR.

Jan. 10.	By balance on hand,	5634 42
Mar. 14.	By Grand Secretary,	8867 95
1868.		
Jan. 6.	By Grand Secretary,	229 00
	By Interest,	894 88
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		\$14,625 75

All of which, with the vouchers, is respectfully submitted.

R. W. LANDON,

Grand Treasurer.

DETROIT, January 9, 1868.

JAMES FENTON, *Grand Secretary, in account with**Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan*

1867.

DR.

Received for Dispensations for new Lodges as follows:

Jan. 19.	James Fenton Lodge,	\$50 00
Feb. 12.	Augusta Lodge,	50 00
Feb. 23.	Mt. Moriah Lodge,	50 00
Mar. 1.	Volinia Lodge,	50 00
Mar. 5.	Manistee Lodge,	50 00
Mar. 7.	Lisbon Lodge,	50 00
Mar. 14.	Laingsburg Lodge,	50 00
May 2.	Sumner Lodge,	50 00
May 2.	Middleville Lodge,	50 00
June 1.	Vermontville Lodge,	50 00
June 7.	Salathiel Lodge,	50 00

July 12.	Au Sable Lodge,	\$50 00	
Sept. 14.	Spring Lake Lodge,	50 00	
Sept. 21.	Plainwell Lodge,	50 00	
Oct. 1.	Goodrich Lodge,	50 00	
Oct. 8.	Sanilac Lodge,	50 00	
Oct. 18.	Elsie Lodge,	50 00	
Nov. 29.	Three Oaks Lodge,	50 00	
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			900 00
	Blue Books,	2 65	
	Eighty-eight Grand Lodge certificates,	44 00	
	Received on account of salary,	250 00	
	Allegan Lodge for special dispensation,	10 00	
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			\$1306 65

DETROIT, January 8, 1868.

CR.

By paid Express charges, \$1.95, 75c,	2 70
By paid Ribbon, \$2.00, \$3.25	5 25
By paid Circulars, (edict of G. M.)	7 50
By paid Postage, 75c, \$1.00, \$5.00, \$6.07,	12 82
By paid Exchange, 25c, 25c, 25c, 25c, 25c,	
25c, 50c,	2 00
By paid Grand Treasurer,	229 00
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	259 27
By one year's salary	800 00
Balance to tabular statement,	147 38
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	\$1306 65

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when the special committee on that part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address relating to districting the State and appointing District Deputy Grand Masters, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan :

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master as relates to the District System and the appointment of four Deputy District Grand Masters, respectfully report that they have taken the subject into most respectful consideration, and have arrived at the opinion expressed below. We adverted to these principles and provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan :

1. We have a Deputy Grand Master who may perform the duties of the office of Grand Master when he is absent from the State, or from sickness or otherwise, is unable to discharge the duties of his office.

2. We have a District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula with like powers, appointed at the pleasure of the Grand Master and subject to his orders.

3. The Most Worshipful Grand Master may, by his Proxy, appoint any worthy and well qualified brother to discharge, under his direction, any special duty.

Further, the resort to District Deputy Grand Masters would probably involve the discontinuance of the office of Grand Visitor or Lecturer and the substitution therefor of the District Deputy Grand Master. Such measure would lead to a diversity of work.

For these and other reasons, we have arrived at the conclusion that the proposed appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters is inexpedient.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
F. DARROW,
WM. M. FENTON.

Bro. James Fenton, R. W. G. S., then presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, at the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and tendered on behalf of said Grand Lodge fraternal greeting, and their desire to aid in all laudable endeavors to promote the happiness and prosperity of our time-honored institution; when,

On motion, the subject matter was referred to a special committee of three, viz: Bros. A. B. Cudworth, F. Darrow, P. G. M., and W. T. Mitchell, P. G. M.

W. Bro. Eldred, of Washington Lodge No. 7, asked the following questions, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law:

1. A candidate is rejected, and the next day he publicly says, Such and such a member blackballed him; says he knows the fact, for a member told him. Can a brother, thus violating the secrecy of the ballot, be disciplined?

2. * * * * *

3. A member is dissatisfied with the financial proceedings of his Lodge, and publicly speaks of the whole matter, and joins profanes in ridiculing the proceedings. Is he amenable to discipline by his Lodge?

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then presented the following majority and minority reports, both of which were accepted:

MAJORITY REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Masonic Law have had under consideration the several matters referred to them, and respectfully present their views as follows:

In regard to the several decisions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented in his address, your Committee fully concur in each and every one of them, as sound Masonic law under the Constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge.

A question has arisen in the Committee in reference to question *four*, referred to them, appertaining to the rights of non-affiliated Masons in preferring charges or seeking redress for the violation of the obligations and duties which exist between a Mason and the Order generally, as contra-distinguished between a Mason and the Lodges of the Order. Concerning this, your Committee are not entirely agreed. A portion of your Committee are of the opinion that while an unaffiliated can not claim any of the benefits or privileges of the *Lodge* organization, they are entitled and subject to all the rights and privileges, claims and duties, belonging to them as individual members of the fraternity—that the rights, privileges and duties, are mutual, universal and reciprocal between all the *members of the Order*; and as a necessary consequence, if a wrong is inflicted by an affiliated upon an unaffiliated Mason in violation of these universal and reciprocal rights or obligations, such offending member of the *Order* must be

entitled to Masonic redress somewhere, and as he can not have it in the Lodge organization, he is entitled to prefer his charges to the Grand Lodge for redress. The majority of your Committee have taken the answer of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the fourth question to be made solely in reference to the relationship of an unaffiliated Mason to the Lodges and not in reference to those relations which he sustains to our Order; in this view they consider the decisions entirely correct. But if, as insisted by the minority of the Committee, the Most Worshipful Grand Master intended to decide that an unaffiliated Mason has no right to prefer charges for any cause anywhere to obtain Masonic redress, the majority of the Committee beg leave to dissent from such decision. The minority of the Committee do not concur with the majority of the Committee in their views as to the rights of unaffiliated Masons to prefer charges, but hold that the question has become too well settled by Masonic law now to be disputed that a voluntarily non-affiliated Mason can not prefer charges for Masonic redress either to a subordinate or Grand Lodge. As this question is an important one in this jurisdiction, and in order that the *status* of unaffiliated Masons may be understood, the majority of the Committee have prepared and herewith submit a resolution.

Your Committee have also considered the report of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Upper Peninsula and find that his rulings and decisions are correct.

In reference to the jurisdictional line between Quincy and Houghton Lodges, the Committee conceive that the Constitution fixes and defines the line of jurisdiction, and that the same can not be altered by edict of the Grand Lodge. The object can be accomplished by each Lodge relinquishing jurisdiction to the other, of members in their respective jurisdictions.

They also fully concur in the views and decisions of the District Deputy Grand Master in reference to keys.

Your Committee recommend that a code of By-Laws be adopted by this Grand Lodge to be used by all subordinate Lodges, and herewith submit a resolution to that effect.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adopt a code of by-laws for the use of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and that all Subordinate Lodges be required to be governed by the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. CHAMPLIN,
ALFRED I. SAWYER, M. D.,
M. S. BRACKETT.

Resolved, That unaffiliated Masons, residing in this jurisdiction, have the right to prefer charges to this Grand Lodge against any member of the Order for the violation of any of those rights and

obligations which exist between a Mason and the Order generally, as contra-distinguished to those rights and obligations which exist between a Mason and his Lodge.

J. W. CHAMPLIN,
M. S. BRACKETT.

MINORITY REPORT.

In appearing before this Grand Body with a minority report, I can assure you it is with no little embarrassment, and especially so when the majority report is signed by such worthy and able brothers as Champlin and Brackett; nevertheless, I feel constrained to do it.

1. Because I believe it to be for the best interest of the craft.
2. Because I believe I have authority on my side; and
3. Because I believe it to be just.

I. I appeal to this body of Worshipful Masters (for such are they), whether or not these *dead drones* do not hang as an incubus or weight upon the fraternity where they reside, and if they are not often cited to them by the profane as living witnesses against us as having voluntarily renounced the Order, for that is the light in which they are looked upon, by outsiders, at least, if they are not such in fact.

II. [W. Bro. Sawyer here read from printed authorities.]

III. I believe it to be just. Now, what right have they to claim protection from us after having voluntarily withdrawn their protection from the Order.

A Mason has the right to apply to any Lodge in this jurisdiction; therefore, if he cannot affiliate in one Lodge, let him apply to another and another till he can find those willing to open the door and bid him enter and be one among them.

I therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, as the sense of this Grand Lodge, That a voluntarily non-affiliated Mason has no Masonic redress for grievances other than is awarded to profanes.

A. I. SAWYER.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the above reports, whereupon debate was had, when the majority report was adopted, except that portion relating to the rights of non-affiliated Masons.

Bro. W. T. Mitchell, P. G. M., then offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolutions reported by the majority and minority of the committee respectively:

Resolved, That accusations or charges against members of Lodges, or against Subordinate Lodges, can not be received from non-affiliated Masons, except in case of charges against a member of a Lodge by leave granted by a vote of such Lodge, and in case of charges against a Subordinate Lodge, by leave of the Grand Lodge.

After some debate the resolution was adopted as a substitute for the majority and minority reports of the committee, and the report of the Standing Committee on Masonic Law, as amended, was then adopted.

The Standing Committee on Accounts then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The Standing Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, would respectfully submit the following report; that they have examined said accounts and find them correct:

Your Committee further report that they find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$7,765.63, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary the sum of \$147.38 (exclusive of the revenue of the present session), making a total sum of \$7,913.01.

Your Committee further report that they find due to Richmond & Backus the sum of \$129.23, for stationary, etc., and would recommend its payment.

So much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address as relates to the session of the Grand Lodge held on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Soldiers' Monument in July, 1867, having been submitted to them, they would recommend the payment of all necessary expenses of said session, and three dollars per diem and ten cents per mile, travel one way, to the Grand Officers attending such session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. A. PATTISON,

E. A. BROWN,

M. W. QUACKENBUSH,

Committee.

January 9, 1868.

The special committee then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

R E P O R T.

Your committee to whom was referred the appointment of R. W. Brother James Fenton as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, have had the same under consideration, and feel under many obligations to said Grand Lodge for so flattering a recognition of the Masonic status of Masonry in Michigan as the appointment of Brother James Fenton as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, residing near the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Therefore,

Resolved, That we tender the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia the assurance of our reciprocation of their fraternal greetings, and the pleasure it gives us to welcome her as a co-laborer in the laudable endeavor to promote the happiness and prosperity of our beloved Order.

WM. T. MITCHELL,
A. B. CUDWORTH,
FRANK DARROW,

Committee.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

R E P O R T.

To the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee have had sundry matters submitted to them, in addition to the one already reported on, to all of which they have given as careful an examination as time would allow, and submit the following as their report:

In the matter of the complaint of Brother Hackenberg against White Pigeon Lodge, No. 104, referred to in the Grand Master's address, your Committee find that this was before this Grand Lodge at a former session and then determined. See *Proceedings of 1866*, p. 47.

In the matter from Backus Lodge, No. 55, charges were preferred by Brother R. P. Crawford against Brother Thomas B. Huff. Brother Huff was tried by his Lodge and acquitted. Brother Crawford, the accuser, then seeks to appeal. Your Committee understand that the

complainant in such a case can not appeal. If he desires to complain of his Lodge on account of what they have done, he should make his complaint to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge directly against the Lodge.

January 14, 1867, Charles Meyer was expelled from Union Lodge of Strict Observance.

May 17, 1867, Robert White was expelled from Alpena Lodge.

August 3, 1867, D. T. Merrill was expelled from Orangeville Lodge.

October 28, 1867, James Sowles, Jr., was expelled from Maple Rapids Lodge.

In these four cases the records have come to the hands of your Committee, but no appeal having been made they deem no action necessary.

In the matter from Otsego Lodge, No. 78, charges were preferred by the Junior Warden against A. R. Foster. The charge was murder. The specification sets forth that on or about the 18th day of April, 1867, said Foster did wilfully and maliciously discharge a pistol, the shot taking effect in the body of and causing the death of T. G. Curtis.

The accused was tried, convicted and expelled, and appeals to the Grand Lodge. He claims in his appeal that the proceedings were irregular and illegal. No objections appear to have been taken as the trial proceeded, and we do not consider the irregularities at all material, and they were probably waived by not taking an exception at the proper time.

He claims that having been tried in a court of law and acquitted, he could not be tried in a Lodge. This we do not understand to be the case.

The evidence on the part of the prosecution is fully given. There was no evidence on the part of the defence. To say the least, the evidence raises a very strong presumption of guilt, so much so, that we recommend that the action of the Lodge be sustained.

E. W. HARRIS,

A. D. CRANE,

E. H. GLEN,

DETROIT, JANUARY 9, 1867.

Committee.

The Standing Committee on Examinations then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan:

Your Committee on Examinations, to which was referred sundry applications for Charters, has had the subject-matter under consider-

ation, and respectfully recommend that Charters be granted to the following-named Lodges, to be numbered as follows, viz:

Traverse City Lodge, No. 222, at Traverse City, Grand Traverse County.

Flushing Lodge, No. 223, at Flushing, Genesee County.

James Fenton Lodge, No. 224, at Wayland, Allegan County.

Augusta Lodge, No. 225, at Augusta, Kalamazoo County.

Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 226, at Centerville, Tuscola County.

Volinia Lodge, No. 227, at Volinia, Cass County.

Manistee Lodge, No. 228, at Manistee, Manistee County.

Lisbon Lodge, No. 229, at Lisbon, Kent County.

Laingsburg Lodge, No. 230, at Laingsburg, Shiawassee County.

Middleville Lodge, 231, at Middleville, Barry County.

Vermontville Lodge, No. 232, at Vermontville, Eaton County.

Salathiel Lodge, No. 233, at Keeler, Van Buren County.

Spring Lake Lodge, No. 234, at Spring Lake, Ottawa County.

Plainwell Lodge, No. 235, at Plainwell, Allegan County.

Goodrich Lodge, No. 236, at Goodrich, Genesee County.

Sanilac Lodge, No. 237, at Sanilac, Sanilac County.

Elsie Lodge, No. 238, at Elsie, Clinton County.

Three Oaks Lodge, No. 239, at Three Oaks, Berrien County.

Oriental Lodge, No. 240, at Detroit, Wayne County.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 241, at St. Johns, Clinton County.

Keweenaw Lodge, No. 242, at Eagle Harbor.

Au Sauble Lodge, No. 243, at Au Sauble, Iosco County.

Your committee would also recommend that a Dispensation be granted for a Lodge at Alma, in the county of Gratiot, to be known as Alma Lodge, and for a Lodge at Rockford, Kent County, to be known as Rockford Lodge.

Your committee would state that a protest has been received from the Worshipful Masters and Brethren of United Lodge, No. 149, against the granting of a Charter to Plainwell Lodge; but as it appears to your committee that a Lodge is needed at Plainwell for the convenience of the brethren residing there, and that Plainwell Lodge has been working for some months past under a Dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master, they are unanimously of the opinion that a Charter should be granted as prayed for.

O. L. SPAULDING,

G. B. NOBLE,

JOHN W. FINCH,

Committee.

The special committee in the case reported as follows, which report was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to a donation to a needy Worthy Brother of Rock Hill Lodge, South Carolina, beg leave to report that on investigation they find that the recipient was a worthy Brother and a Minister of the Gospel, and would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contribution of the sum of twenty-five dollars to the needy Brother of South Carolina by Grand Master Coffinbury, be and is hereby sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. TAYLOR,
J. BOYNTON,
MILO CLARK.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence then presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and that so much of it as relates to New Jersey be referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.

REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence appointed at the last session, respectfully report that printed copies of our proceedings for last year have been mailed to all Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, and in return we have received the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges as follows, which we will now proceed to review, or rather to present a synopsis of, thereby showing the doings of our brethren and the state of our beloved Order throughout the whole country. Our aim has been, as heretofore, to present the prominent facts, and that in language as terse as possible. The large number and great size of many of the proceedings compel this course, if we expect to compress this report into anything approaching to reasonable limits.

ARKANSAS.

The Annual Communication was held in November, 1866. Grand Master English presided.

In his address he uses the figure of a tree, quoting the passage, if it be cut down it will sprout again. So he says twelve months ago Masonry in Arkansas was as a fallen tree. Then but fifty out of one hundred and seventy-five Lodges were represented. Their register was burnt, many Lodges were in ashes, and many Masters and Wardens were dead, and the members were scattered; but during the year Lodges have been rebuilt, and the surviving craftsmen have re-assembled and resumed their work. Much the larger portion of the Lodges are at work again, and others are preparing for labor. The Masonic Tree revives again.

He appropriately notices the death of R. W. T. D. Merrick, for a quarter of a century their Grand Secretary. He died March 19, 1866.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice our proceedings for 1866. They criticise the Grand Master's address, and fancy they see politics in it. They do not complain specifically, but say "his allusions are distasteful." It has been remarked by some one, of ecclesiastical bodies, that where they are on the alert for heresy, they are pretty sure to find it.

Elbert H. English was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. D. Blocher was elected to the vacant chair of Bro. T. D. Merrick, who has gone to his reward.

ALABAMA

Held her Annual Meeting in December, 1866, with representatives from three hundred and eight Lodges.

Grand Master Williams says he has had several petitions from Lodges to confer degrees in less than the constitutional term, but none of them, in his opinion, were such as to authorize him to exercise his extraordinary power, and he declined to grant any. He decided in case of rejection for F. C. or M. M. degree, the Lodge must decide when the candidate might apply again.

That a Mason, after obtaining his demit, can be tried, for Lodges have cognizance of resident or sojourning brothers, and therefore of one just emerging from the Lodge.

That one witness is sufficient for conviction and expulsion.

That an E. A. can be tried and expelled or suspended.

In reply to a question, he thinks unnecessarily sprung, of Lodges receiving United States currency at par for degrees and dues, he decided, if the fees in United States currency are not sufficient to sustain them, it is their duty to raise them.

The "Monument Committee" reported adversely to the erection of a monument to the memory of those Masons who died in defense of their country, and their proposition in lieu thereof was adopted, viz: to procure the data and publish in a separate small volume, the names of the brethren who volunteered in the army of the Confederate States, with Lodge, company, regiment in which they volunteered, and in what capacity, where killed, wounded or imprisoned, and where died and buried, etc.

Respecting such lists, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Virginia say: "We are astonished to find in the proceedings of Rhode Island a part of it set apart as a roll of Masons who entered the United States service during the war, giving their rank, regiment, service, etc.; and we are still more astonished to find in the report from Connecticut "a list of members who lost their lives in the war of the rebellion."

They propose to publish in their proceedings a full statement of facts, with the description of the person, of any residing in their jurisdiction who shall receive any degrees of Masonry under a foreign jurisdiction without the consent of the Lodge nearest the candidate's residence.

They remember their worthy dead Brothers, M. W. Past Grand Master W. Hendrix and Hugh Parks Watson, Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence very courteously notice our proceedings of 1866, and quote from G. M. Mitchel's address and other portions of our proceedings.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 334; members, —; initiated, —; rejected, —.

M. W. Wilson Williams, G. M., and R. W. Daniel Sayre, G. S., were each re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in May, 1867.

The address of Grand Master Quintard is a business-like document detailing his official acts.

R. W. Chauncey M. Hatch, Grand Lecturer, speaks in his report of a very kind and complimentary reception given him at a Lodge in Michigan in December last. He adds: "The examination by Brother Feriere, a genial Mason of the old school, with the *old*

lectures, and the witnessing of work so identical with our own, was one of the pleasantest incidents of my Masonic experience, and will ever be fondly cherished in my memory."

STATISTICS.—Members, 10,629; initiated, 760; Lodges, 1,011.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally notice our proceedings for last year, and quote largely from M. W. Brother Coffinbury's address.

M. W. William Storer is Grand Master, and Joseph K. Wheeler is Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication was held in October, 1866.

G. M. Clairbourne believes, from the best information received, that the general condition is one of eminent prosperity. He honors the memory and laments the death of P. W. Shephard, P. D. G. M., and pays a fitting tribute to Wm. H. Howe, P. G. M., who died in Virginia City, in the State of Nevada. He issued four Dispensations for new Lodges and fifteen to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants within less than twelve months. Speaking of these he says some of them contain statements of facts which could only be known except by a reprehensible discussion of the secrets of the ballot-box. He deprecates any attempts, either directly or by insinuation to violate the sanctity and secrecy of the ballot.

As an evidence of the nearness to a state of perfection to which their constitution has been brought, he notices the fact that almost for the first time since its adoption in 1859 an amendment is proposed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally notice our proceedings for 1866 and quote largely and approvingly from our P. Grand Master Mitchell's address.

They also notice the very satisfactory testimony by which we have identified and established the work and lectures.

Respecting the new Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia they say they are satisfied that the necessity for its formation existed and that it is entitled to their cordial recognition.

They require an expelled Mason, who intends to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration, to notify the Lodge which expelled him at least sixty days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, one hundred and forty-seven; initiated, eight hundred and sixteen; rejected, two hundred and twenty-eight; membership, seven thousand and twenty.

M. W. G. C. Clairborm, G. M., and R. W. Alex. G. Abell, G. S. were each re-elected.

COLORADO

Held her Seventh Annual Session in October last. Grand Master Chase Withrow says many things denote the prosperity of the Institution, but he is afraid it is becoming too popular for its own prosperity. He granted one Dispensation to form a new Lodge and refused four others. His address is short but contains good advice to the brethren of his jurisdiction.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, eleven; Under Dispensation, two; initiations, ninety-two; membership, five hundred and eighty-two; rejected, seventy-eight.

By the law now in force "all transient mail matter to this Territory must be prepaid by letter postage.

M. W. Henry M. Teller is Grand Master and R. W. E. C. Parmelee is Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE

Held her Annual Communication in December, 1866. The Grand Master was not present but sent an address which was read by the Grand Secretary, in which he congratulates them upon the health and prosperity vouchsafed to them by the G. A. O. T. U., since their last assembling. Number of Lodges, twenty; number of members not given.

M. W. Daniel McClintock is Grand Master and John P. Allmard is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for the year 1866, are before us.

They adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and fully and fraternally recognize the M. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia as an independent Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which Bro. R. B. Donaldson is Chairman, fraternally and courteously notices our proceedings for 1866. They quote from M. W. Bro. Mitchell's address approvingly and notice likewise the labor of this Grand Lodge in identifying and establishing the esoteric work.

STATISTICS.—Members, one thousand seven hundred and eleven; Lodges, fifteen; initiated, four hundred and eighty-five; rejected, eighty-nine.

M. W. Geo. C. Whiting, Grand Master, and Noble D. Larner, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

FLORIDA

From this Grand Lodge we have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of a bound volume of proceedings "at its several communication from A. D. 1860 to 1866 inclusive." In the latter we notice the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which Bro. Thomas Brown is Chairman, copy *in extenso* from the proceedings of Kentucky for 1864 the whole of the "Conservator" matter, that discussion having taken place, it will be remembered, at a time when intercourse, Masonic or otherwise, with the North was impracticable. They quote largely from the report of our Special Committee on the subject in 1864.

Their proceedings for 1867, we regret to say, have not been received.

FRANCE.

From France we have the pleasure to acknowledge the monthly receipt of the "Bulletin du Grand Orient dé France, Supreme Conseil pour la France et les possessions Françaises, Journal officiel dé la Maçonnerie Française;" also of the official Masonic Calendar for 1867, containing an almanac for the year, extracts from the Constitution and general statistics of the Order, names and occupation of members of the "Council" and its officers, foreign representatives near the Grand Orient of France, list of permanent executive boards, list of Lodges in Paris and its vicinity, list of Lodges in the departments and in Algiers, in the colonies and in foreign countries, and lastly a list of foreign Masonic powers with whom the Grand Orient of France is in correspondence, among which is included the Grand Lodge of Michigan, with the names and address of our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

We have thought that perhaps a synopsis of their Constitution might not be uninteresting to the Grand Lodge. It begins by defining what Free Masonry is, viz: a philanthropic institution and progressive philosophy, having for its principles the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the binding together (*solidarité*) of humanity. It regards liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man, and has for its motto Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, and then prescribes the qualifications necessary to become a Mason, and for what a member may be expelled, but only upon judgment rendered according to the forms provided by the Constitution and laws.

It then declares the Masonic sovereignty to reside in the body of Masons. The central authority is placed under the direction of the Grand Master, and bears the title of Grand Orient of France, the session of which is held in Paris. The Grand Orient is also composed of, first, the Grand Master; second, the Council of the Order; third, all the masters of subordinate Lodges. The Grand Master is elected for five years, by ballot, at a general assembly specially convened for the purpose. His powers are then defined.

The Council is composed of thirty-three members elected by the General Assembly from its own members for three years, a third of them, as decided by lot, going out every year. They, with the Grand Master, conduct the affairs of the Order, and report annually to the General Assembly. The Council, among other duties, passes upon Masonic questions submitted to it by subordinate Lodges.

The Central House of Masonic Relief (*secours*) receives houseless Masons for a certain time, and distributes relief to unfortunate brethren and the families. The Administration Board of this house meets monthly and examines the various demands made upon them. The Grand Orient receives for this house legacies, gifts of money, bedding, cloth, clothes, shoes, fuel, etc.

The Grand College of Rites, established within the bosom of the Grand Orient, has its sessions in Paris. It is composed of regular Masons possessing the thirty-third degree. Its number is limited to thirty-three, and includes the Grand Master and the two Assistant Grand Masters. It has the sole right to initiate into the last degrees of Free Masonry. It has in special charge the conferring of the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third and last degree; also the equivalent grades of whatsoever rite it may be. It is divided into as many sections as there exist different rites recognized by the Grand Orient of France.

SECTION 1—French Rite.

SECTION 2—Rite de Herodien.

SECTION 3—Scotch or Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SECTION 4—Rite of Kelwinning.

SECTION 5—Philosophic Rite.

SECTION 6—Rite of "Régime Rectef."

SECTION 7—Rite of Memphis.

SECTION 8—Rite of Misraïm.

GEORGIA.

M. W. John Harris, Grand Master opened the annual session with the usual address, in which he laments that brighter pecuniary and political anticipations would be realized by the country ere this, and complains that while pecuniary prospects are not likely soon to be relieved, their political prospects are equally gloomy and unpropitious.

The special committee on the address, while they admit the general maxim that Free Masonry does not and should not concern itself with politics, they commend the Grand Master's political allusions and justify them by asserting there are political conditions and circumstances of a country which demand at their hands some notice; they then proceed to give these conditions and circumstances the "notice" they deem them worthy of.

The Grand Master mourns, likewise, over the increasing number of non-affiliated Masons in the jurisdiction and of the large number of members who refused to pay their annual dues, and hopes the evil may be either diminished or the increase of it stopped.

He thinks the granting of charters and the multiplication of Lodges is doing more to demoralize our Institution than is generally supposed.

He granted during the year "a considerable number of Dispensations—principally to authorize Lodges to resume their labors. His correspondence, he says, "shows an unparalled increase of members and in many cases an utter disregard to the character and moral standing of the applicants."

The Worthy Grand Lecturer, G. L. Burry, in his report, hopes to avoid censure by avoiding all suggestions and reference to questions not legitimately connected with his office, and proposes "to suit the most fastidious taste," "lest they should again be deemed by a committee unworthy of publication and not such as should be admitted to record."

He visited 110 Lodges and solemnly says he saw and heard much to cause the deepest feeling of mortification and regret. He goes on to speak of the very superficial acquaintance possessed by some Lodges and was astonished "that many, very many, never heard a lecture explanatory of the symbolism and ceremonies," on these and similar topics he enlarges. He gives some statistics, viz.: That fifty-eight Lodges initiated one thousand two hundred and seven and rejected only ninety-seven; thirty-one Lodges initiated three hundred and sixty-one and rejected three hundred and twenty-seven. He judges it is useless for the Grand Lodge to publish its edicts for they are "either unknown or utterly disregarded." He avers, that either through ignorance or in contemptuous disregard of the authority of the Grand Lodge, the deformed and maimed have "in many, very many, instances," been the recipients of the degrees. Nevertheless, the Committee of Jurisprudence affirmed the decision of a District Deputy Grand Master that a Worthy Fellow Craft, "*who had unfortunately lost an arm, might be raised to the third degree, upon the basis of justice, equity, humanity and brotherly love!*"

The Grand Lecturer wrote the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He visited many Lodges on the line of Sherman's march, and learned "many, very many," instances of the conduct of

Masons attached to the army that increased his veneration for the divine teaching of our beloved Order and pays a high tribute of heartfelt admiration at enemies being transformed into friends at the sight of the "signal of distress," demonstrating that the "blue coat wrapped a masonic heart."

STATISTICS.—Lodges, two hundred and fifty-four; initiated, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one; members, ten thousand four hundred and sixty.

M. W. John Harris, Grand Master, and R. W. Zimri Rose, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

G. M. H. P. H. Bromwell, opened the Twenty-sixth Annual Communication in October, 1866. He reports the past year as being one of such prosperity, as never in the history of Masonry has been known or enjoyed by the Craft. In his own jurisdiction, the increase of members and means has been unexampled, and at the same time peace and harmony have prevailed beyond all expectation, and cordial fraternity exists with every other Grand Lodge throughout the world. He mourns the loss of Helm, Herrick, and Hibbard, three Past Grand Masters, in one year. He recommends Master Masons to appear in Grand Lodge with their jewels. Fifty-seven Dispensations for new Lodges were issued.

DECISIONS BY THE GRAND LODGE.

A rejected application for affiliation may be renewed at any time and as often as wished for by the applicant.

That when any Lodge ceases to work for six months, candidates residing in its jurisdiction may petition the next nearest Lodge.

Lodges shall examine candidates for advancement, in open Lodge, as to their proficiency in degrees previously received.

Has a Subordinate Lodge a right to elect as Master a Brother who has not previously served as Warden? Ans. No, except by dispensation of the Grand Master.

Can a Lodge assess a tax on its members for Lodge purposes and make it collectable the same as dues? Ans. No.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, four hundred and fifty-eight; members, —; initiations, —; rejections, —.

M. W. J. R. Gorin was elected Grand Master and Herman G. Reynolds was re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

At their Annual Communication in June, 1867, M. W. Campbell K. Peck, G. M., opened the session with an address, in which, after detailing his official acts, devotes a page to "Negroes and Negro Lodges." He admits the question to be a difficult and unpopular one, but asks, Shall we shrink from the consideration of it? The consideration of this important question, he continues, now staring us in the face, may, at the present time, subject us, as Masons, to derision and abuse; but shall we, he asks, on this account hesitate to grapple with it? He proceeds to argue the case, thus: They have Lodges in active operation in the State. Lodges in other jurisdictions are making Masons of Indians. Are they more elevated in morals, habits, and Christianity, than the negro race, as to entitle them to this preference, and do they make more worthy and creditable members of our Order? He does not recommend hasty action, but only early consideration, and suggests a special committee to report at the next session.

The above, of course, was referred to a special committee, who reported, that, in consideration of the dignity the Grand Lodge is bound to maintain towards herself, and the respect she has for her subordinates and individual Masons within her jurisdiction, they deem it unwise and imprudent to entertain any action in relation to the recognition *as regular* either negro Lodges or negro Masons. Their report was adopted.

The next day a brother offered a resolution to recommit the subject matter to a special committee, with instructions to give the subject a candid and impartial investigation and report at the next session. This motion was promptly "*laid on the table.*"

Among the Grand Master's decisions were respecting army-made Masons. "If good men and true," he advises proceeding as prescribed for all regular applications.

Respecting the ballot in the second and third degree—is it had with a view to proficiency *only*?—he holds it is not. The question of "proficiency" should be answered by the uplifted hand. The ballot then follows to determine his worthiness otherwise.

He decided a Lodge has a right to levy extraordinary dues to defray expense, and that a member may be suspended for non-payment of them. The Grand Lodge, however, overruled the latter, holding the Lodge may levy the tax, but can not discipline for non-payment of it.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, E. A. Guilbert, Chairman, speak highly of Grand Master Coffinbury's address. They say

it is creditable and very interesting, not at all tedious, albeit its length, but holds the reader's attention throughout.

They commend our action last year in declaring (in substance) that the W. M. is not sole judge of the proficiency of a candidate. Respecting "our rule as to proficiency," we answer, as requested. Every candidate for advancement shall first be examined in open Lodge and demonstrate his proficiency. They say they can not call our report on Foreign Correspondence "a review;" they call it "a brief mention." Ours is a modest one of twenty-five pages; theirs an elaborate treatise of one hundred and fifty-seven pages of smaller type. However, they are pleased with "a high compliment paid our (their) G. M. Guilbert."

M. W. Reuben Mitchell was elected Grand Master, and R. W. T. S. Parvin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY

"A Grand Annual Communication" was held in October, 1866, with the usual address by M. W. N. J. Williams, Grand Master, who says the past year has been one of great activity among the Craft; many of the old altars long thrown down and for years scattered and in ruins during the commotions of the late war, have been re-built, the fires rekindled and are burning even more brightly than before. He issued thirty dispensations for new lodges. He says he has given many decisions on Masonic questions, most of which could have been easily settled by a careful perusal of the constitution and the ancient charges. He does not deem it necessary to give a detail of them.

He feels no alarm at the increased activity of the Lodges but urges great and increased caution in the selection of candidates.

These proceedings are principally devoted to local matters.

STATISTICS.—Lodges four hundred and thirty-five and fourteen Under Dispensation; fifteen thousand one hundred and fifty-seven members; initiations, two thousand four hundred and ninety-four; number of ministers four hundred and sixteen.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally notice our proceedings for 1867. They represent G. M. Mitchell as having granted two dispensations for new Lodges, the number should have been quoted as *fifteen*.

M. W. Isaac T. Martin was elected Grand Master, and J. M. S. McCorkle, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Held her Eleventh Annual Communication in October, 1866, and transacted a goodly amount of local business. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice briefly our proceedings in 1866.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, fifty; initiated, three hundred and thirty-nine; membership, one thousand four hundred and seventy; rejected, one hundred and seventy.

M. W. M. S. Adams was elected Grand Master and R. W. E. T. Carr was re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting was held in February, 1867. M. W. Wm. M. Perkins tells his brethren if they fail to find indications of rapid progress in their review of what has been done during the year they should be neither surprised nor disappointed, but rather thankful for the measure of prosperity they have enjoyed and encouraged by the assurance that they have not gone backwards. At no time, he says, within his recollection, has there been more perfect harmony or better feeling among Masons in Louisiana than at present.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally notice our proceedings of 1866, and quote approvingly a paragraph from M. W. W. T. Mitchell's address respecting the return of peace. Speaking of the report of your committee last year they say it is one of the most concise which has come under their notice.

M. W. Abel J. Nimrod was elected Grand Master, James C. Batchelor, M. D., was elected Grand Secretary and Samuel M. Todd, Grand Treasurer.

MAINE.

The Annual Meeting was held in May, 1867, G. M. Timothy J. Murray presiding. He alludes feelingly to many sources from which donations had been received, in aid of the sufferers by the great fire in Portland and specially speaks of our action in the premises, and, on his suggestion, the Grand Lodge passed a resolution, gratefully offering their thanks for the generous aid to the sufferers. The address and proceedings are mostly occupied with local matters.

M. W. Timothy J. Murray, Grand Master, and R. W. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Lodge "from March 14 to Dec. 27, 1866."

At the stated communication on the latter date Grand Master Parkman delivered his annual address. He says the original Charter or "commission," as it was then called, granted by Lord Montacute, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1773, authorizing the R. W. Henry Price to open and hold a Provincial Grand Lodge for New England, it being the first establishment of the kind on the American continent."

The Order in the State, he says, never before occupied so high a ground and was never in a more sound and healthy condition. They have an enrolled membership of more than sixteen thousand and one hundred and sixty Lodges. The past year, he continues, has been one of increasing activity.

Speaking of the new Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia he thinks the Lodges composing it owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and they cannot by any act of their own release themselves except through secession and revolution, and he thinks the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will recognize the new organization and will extend the right hand of fellowship to them when the Grand Lodge of Scotland does so.

R. W. William Parkman is Grand Master and R. W. Chas. W. Moore is Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

From this Grand Lodge we have the usual two pamphlets of their proceedings at their semi-annual meetings in November 1866 and May 1867.

Bro. John Coates, M. W. G. M. congratulates his brethren upon the healthy and prosperous condition of the fraternity within their jurisdiction. It has greened in the sun and strengthened in the storm and at no former period has it occupied a prouder, nobler position of virtuous dignity and paternal usefulness than at the present day.

Bro. W. J. Wroth is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose report is very elaborate and able. Reviewing our last proceedings they say of our G. M. Coffinbury's address, "it is a model of excellence," and proceed to quote liberally from it. Of our last report on Foreign Correspondence they say it reviews sister proceedings in a pleasant, able, and fraternal manner; "from the introduction," they say, "we quote with pleasure."

M. W. G. M. John Coates and R. W. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

MISSOURI.

From this jurisdiction we have not yet received the proceedings in full, but advance sheets containing the report on Foreign Correspondence have kindly been sent to us. The report is very full and elaborate and is from the pen of R. W. Geo. F. Gouley. Speaking of our beloved M. W. Bro. Coffinbury, they say: "The annual address was one of the most beautiful we have ever read, and in looking over it we scarcely know where to begin with our extracts, and can only regret that we can not reproduce it entire." Nevertheless, they find space for liberal extracts. Our report on Foreign Correspondence, they say, is a fraternal and impartial review of affairs.

MISSISSIPPI.

For the first time since 1861, we have the pleasure of greeting the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Those now before us are for the session held in January last.

Grand Master Perkins' address opens gloomily. He says they have fallen upon evil times. Sadly impoverished by the war, the subsequent failures of two successive crops, renders their condition still more unpromising and gloomy, and added to this the almost frightful aspect of affairs in the political world, makes the general situation more urgently in need of Divine interposition than ever before. Many of them, he says, see the anger of Heaven in blighted crops and in the unchained passions of men in power, and so on. He alludes to a communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina respecting the organization of negro lodges in the South, and evidently labors under the same impression which North Carolina now acknowledges was erroneous.

At their last session they directed Lodges of Sorrow to be held in every county, and at each a public address to be delivered by some brother, and a copy of the address, "with the names, age and residence, and place where our brothers were killed or died." The Grand Secretary complains that "few, very few" have complied. They cut the gordian knot of "confederate money" by ordering all balances due in it to or by the Grand Lodge, to be cancelled.

Respecting physical qualifications of candidates, they adopted the report of a committee, holding that the well-understood physical qualifications apply only to candidates for initiation; but after they have become brethren, the loss of a foot, or any other part that can be supplied by mechanical art, does not disqualify. Is not this an entering-wedge, and would our Mississippi brethren follow the logical consequences of their argument and apply the principle to moral as well as physical qualities? Does not the argument tend to lower both physical and moral standards?

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 225; initiated, 1,215; suspended for non-payment of dues, 1,740; for unmasonic conduct, 21; Master Masons, 9,618.

John T. Lamkin is Grand Master, and D. P. Porter is Grand Secretary. R. W. T. Daniel died during the year. He had long filled that office, and a fitting tribute to his memory was paid by G. M. Hillyer, P. G. M.

MINNESOTA.

The fourteenth annual session was held at St. Paul in October, 1866.

The Grand Master's address is short, and occupied with local matters. At his suggestion the question of uniformity of work was taken up, and after discussion was referred to a special committee to report in writing at the next meeting.

STATISTICS.—New Lodges during the year, 5; number of Lodges, 54

M. W. C. W. Nash is Grand Master, and W. S. Combs is Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its second communication, held in October, 1866, are before us. The proceedings of the Convention which formed it did not reach us, but we learn from the

report on Foreign Correspondence of Ohio that three Lodges took part in the organization. Brother J. J. Hull, M. W. Grand Master, opened the session with the usual address, from which we learn that Masonry is prosperous—that the auspices for their future growth and prosperity are favorable for their territory. They have six Lodges under their jurisdiction, and a respectable list of members in each.

We cordially welcome our young sister to a place among the Masonic powers of the land, and cheerfully place her name on the list of Grand Lodges in correspondence with us.

M. W. John J. Hull is Grand Master, and Rev. Wilbur F. Sanders is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK

Held its annual meeting in June last, and was opened M. W. Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master.

He states they have been enabled, under the great cardinal virtue of our Fraternity, to extend to those who have suffered and now suffer in the South, aid, comfort and cheering words; that, though separate in our governments but united under the dictate of the cardinal principles of our Craft, we still form one great and inseparable brotherhood—like the ocean, though each wave is a billow by itself, each still rolls upon the bosom of a rough sea.

He issued fifty-three Dispensations to form new Lodges. He congratulates the Craft that but very few causes of trouble exist in the jurisdiction. Upon his recommendation the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was recognized as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge.

He deprecates the fact that the devotions in some Lodges are sectarian in their character, but does not specify the offense or name the offender, and we are left in the dark whether Jew has offended Christian or Christian has hurt the feelings of Jew. We take it to be an axiom that our institution being free from sectarianism, it is alike allowable for either Jew or Christian, when called upon to lead the devotions of the Lodge, to be governed by his own conscience as to the mode, and with the Grand Master we would deprecate the narrow mindedness which would abridge the liberty of the conscience of any brother in such a matter.

Deeming it to be the ancient prerogative of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight, and seeing that the power had been gradually sinking out of view, he deemed it proper to exercise them, that the present generation may know that they have an existence. He therefore made Hon. (now Brother) James T. Brady a Mason at sight, and his Grand Lodge sustained him.

The Trustees of their Hall and Asylum Fund report property in their possession to the amount of \$204,552.

R. W. Joseph B. Chaffee, Grand Lecturer, reports the uniform work and lectures heretofore established to be a success, opposition to them having exhausted itself.

Brother Lionel Jacobs made an unsuccessful effort to have expunged from the Ritual "language and matter having a sectarian bias."

It was made the imperative duty of Lodges to require from every candidate an answer in writing to eight private questions respecting age, occupation, residence, former rejection by any Lodge, belief or knowledge of any defect, legal or moral, to prevent his initiation.

M. W. John L. Lewis, from a committee appointed last year, made an able report on the propriety and possibility of relieving the Grand Lodge of the great weight of business pressing upon it at its annual meetings. The Provincial Grand Lodge system of England was discussed and deemed inapplicable, and a "Board of Revision" was suggested. The report was referred, but not reported on.

They denounced as gross and wicked impositions all gift concerts and gift enterprises purporting to be in aid of the "Hall and Asylum Fund," and the Trustees of said fund were instructed to refuse any money offered as the proceeds of any such enterprise.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. John L. Lewis, and is a very elaborate document. Speaking of our jurisdiction, they say: "The address of G. M. Coffinbury is conspicuous for the purity of its style and the elevation of its thoughts. The topics treated are the customary ones, but the manner of their treatment is such as gives them more than ordinary weight and consideration." A full summary of the address is given, with some quotations. They close by observing: "It is very evident that Grand Master Coffinbury thinks that Masonry has a higher mission than mere ceremonial observances."

R. W. Stephen H. Johnson was elected Grand Master, and James M. Austin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

Held her annual communication in January last. The Grand Master, William S. Whitehead, delivered an address greeting his brethren, reciting his official acts, and making some suggestions. Among the latter were his views of the numerous applications to the Legislature of the State for acts of incorporation for Subordinate Lodges—made, doubtless, with the best intentions, but without due reflection,

and without realizing the legal effect and operation of such legislation. Having given the subject some examination, he arrives at the conclusion that the incorporation of Masonic bodies is subversive of the true principles of Masonic government, and inimical to the prosperity and perpetuity of the institution. He proceeds to state his objections, (generally of a legal character,) the substance of which your committee will endeavor to give, regretting that their space does not permit a quotation entire. When a Lodge is incorporated, it becomes a subject of the laws of the State. It acquires the right to hold and convey real estate in the Lodge name, but it also renders itself itself liable to be sued, and submits itself and concerns to the supervision and control of the courts of law.

Masonically an aggrieved brother appeals to the Grand Lodge; if, however, he should be fractious and indisposed to submit to the adjudication of the Grand Lodge, he has the power, if the Lodge be incorporated, to appeal directly to the judicial tribunals. If he has been expelled for unmasonic conduct, courts of law have the power (denied to the Grand Lodge) to restore the offending brother into full and complete membership in the Lodge which expelled him. He proceeds to illustrate, by reference to one or two pertinent adjudications. Slander, he says, is a Masonic crime. None but Masons realize its enormity. For such a violation of Masonic duty and obligation, Lodges claim the right, and the Grand Lodge sustains it, of expulsion. He then refers to the second of Binney's Pennsylvania Reports, where is found the report of a case against St. Patrick's Benevolent Society. The Society had expelled a member for slander. He appealed to the Supreme Court to be restored. The opinion of the Court was, in substance, that the Society could expel—1. For infamous crimes, but only after *previous conviction by a jury*. 2. For offenses against his duty as a corporator. 3. For offenses of a mixed nature against the member's duty as a corporator, and also indictable by the laws of the land.

He cites also a case in 2 Sergeant & Rawle, page 140, of a similar control exercised by the Court over the membership of a Society in a case where the member's name had been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues. Again he says, Courts of law have the power to inquire and adjudicate upon the right of a member to an office. Thus a defeated candidate for the office of W. M. may appeal to the Courts, and if the Court should be satisfied of irregularity in the election, it has the power to eject him and place his opponent in the seat.

It should be borne in mind, he says, that a Judge views such questions from a different stand-point than a Masonic one. He neither knows nor cares anything about the ancient landmarks. He only sees a citizen who has acquired certain rights in an incorporated company, which rights the law is bound to protect, and he judges

it by the same rules of law which he would apply in the case of a stockholder in a bank or an insurance company. Finally, he says, it sweeps away the appellant jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, and subordinates the Masonic to the civil authorities upon questions strictly Masonic.

He suggests, if for the purpose of holding title to real estate or investing money, it becomes necessary that an incorporated company should be formed, that in all cases some association outside and independent of the Lodge should be chartered. Then, while Courts would control the incorporation, they would have no right of interference with the affairs of the Lodge itself.

The report of the special committee on the above sustained the Grand Master, and earnestly recommended the Grand Lodge to institute proceedings to induce such Subordinate Lodges to have these acts repealed, and substitute therefor acts incorporating Boards of Trustees when such are necessary.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 80; members, 5,986.

M. W. William Silas Wright Grand Master, and Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA

Held her Annual Communication in December, 1866, with the representatives of over one hundred Lodges. M. W. Edwin G. Reade presided. He states that last year they had 163 Lodges; that with the Charters granted then and Dispensations since issued, the number now approximates 200. There were then 12,000 members; now there are, say, 18,000, and he has reason to believe that the Fraternity were never so numerous or more harmonious.

Speaking of his information from other jurisdictions, he says it is of the same cheering character, and adds: This is the more remarkable and gratifying, as we have passed through the severest ordeal to which benevolence was ever subjected. Every thing else, he continues, is broken, divided, discordant, but over the whole world we are friendly, and know no other name than brother.

Speaking of their relations with sister Grand Lodges, he pronounces them to be of the most satisfactory and fraternal character, the only disturbance threatened [the negro Lodge of New York] having proved to be entirely unfounded, his correspondence with the M. W. Grand Master of New York having convinced him that the "fact was not so."

He fears their sympathy for neighbors and their desire to afford them the benefits of the Order, may have induced them to admit

the young and inexperienced whose characters were not well formed: hence he counsels the necessity, by appropriate means, of educating them; in the mean time to bear with them as far as they can with safety. He closes his address with a fine eulogy upon the institution of Free Masonry.

STATISTICS.—Number of members, 8,828; resident Masons not members, 839; Lodges, 178; extinct Lodges, 82.

M. W. Edwin G. Reade is Grand Master, and R. W. D. W. Bain is Grand Secretary.

NEVADA

Has ten Lodges and 705 members, 155 initiations. The annual session was held in September, 1867, M. W. John C. Currie presiding, who, after giving a summary of his official acts, says harmony reigns throughout their borders, and Masonry is noiselessly and quietly, but successfully, pursuing the even tenor of her way. We regret to learn the proceedings of our body failed to reach them.

M. W. John C. Currie is Grand Master, and W. A. M. Van Bokkelen is Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The Annual Communication was held in Toledo, in October, 1867. The session was opened by M. W. Thomas Sparrow, Grand Master. He reviews the object and aims of Free Masonry, together with its fundamental principles.

He fraternally notices the decease of three brethren, distinguished alike in the civil and Masonic world, viz: Thomas Corwin, P. G. M., W. Blackstone Hubbard, P. G. M., and Lewis Cass, P. G. M., who, he says, was a member of the Convention held at Chillicothe in 1808 for the purpose of forming the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The following year he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and from January, 1810, to January, 1818, when he removed to Michigan, he filled the office of Grand Master.

He granted twelve dispensations for new Lodges. Having filled the office of Grand Master for three successive years, he asked permission to retire, but his brethren, appreciating his worth, re-elected him for another year.

From the report of R. W. Howard Matthews, Deputy Grand Master, we learn that he has been engaged in holding a series of

Conventions, or more properly, he says, "*grand recitations*." In each case the various surrounding Lodges were invited to attend. At these meetings he exemplified the work, inspected the records, and answered questions of Masonic law. No insignificant benefits result, he says, from such meetings. The brethren are enabled to compare ideas on all Masonic subjects, become better acquainted with each other, and to cultivate a feeling of social fellowship, which he conceives to be one of the strongest supports of our Temple.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence make a long and able report, though we regret they had not our proceedings before them, and hence we receive no notice at their hands. These reports are, as is well known, reviews of the proceedings of foreign Grand Bodies—the term foreign being understood to mean every supreme Masonic jurisdiction outside their own State. Among those reviewed in a very fraternal spirit is the Supreme Council of S. G. I. 33° for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, held in May, 1866, in Boston, Mass. From these they quote with approval Illustrious Brother Van Rensselaer's denunciation of that foolish ceremony styled Masonic Baptism, which, he says, is irrelevant and unknown to the ritual of the A. and A. S. Rite. They make other quotations from "the interesting proceedings of the Grand Body," which our limits forbid our quoting.

The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and solicit friendly and brotherly intercourse.

From the decisions on Masonic law we quote a few:

1. Officers of a Lodge can not be installed by proxy.

8. A person engaged in any business or occupation which is forbidden or denounced by State or United States laws, can not be made a Mason.

11. The degree of Past Master can not be conferred by one Past Master alone. There must be a convocation of three actual Past Masters.

Respecting the claim of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, of the right to confer the degrees upon any applicant, without regard to his residence, they forbid Masonic intercourse with residents of Ohio made Masons by Lodges in the District of Columbia unless by the unanimous consent of the Lodge whose jurisdiction has been invaded.

A committee of five to codify and arrange their laws and resolutions was appointed to report next year.

After an unsuccessful attempt to reconsider the vote to meet next year in Cincinnati, the Grand Lodge closed, in Ample Form, the brethren uniting in singing "Burn's Adieu."

STATISTICS.—Number of Lodges, 323; initiations, 2,600; number of members, 19,750.

M. W. Thomas Sparrow, Grand Master, and R. W. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

OREGON.

The Annual Communication was held in June, 1867. M. W. A. W. Ferguson doubts whether, with the increase of membership in their jurisdiction, the broad fields of Masonic charity and brotherly love have been expanded, enriched and beautified commensurate with that increase. He is pleased to note that a higher regard is being paid by many, if not all, of the Lodges to the proper qualifications and character of applicants. He complains that frequently parties, whose qualifications are very questionable, visit New York, and return from thence with diplomas vouching for them as worthy Masons.

He refused to sanction the public appearance of a Lodge to celebrate the Fourth of July on the very proper ground that we should never appear in public as Masons unless as the moving power; and the purpose a strictly Masonic one—never for mere pomp or public display.

They have 88 Lodges, 1,099 members, and 147 initiated.

Their proceedings, printed at Portland, Oregon, are a model of typography.

M. W. A. A. Smith is Grand Master, and J. E. Hurford is Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

From this jurisdiction we have the proceedings at a quarterly communication, held September 4, 1867, "in reference to the death of R. W. Grand Master Brother John L. Godard."

Brother Godard was born in 1812, and died July 17, 1867, so that he held the Grand Mastership a little over six months. As was eminently proper, the Grand Lodge, at the meeting above referred to, paid proper tributes of fraternal affection to his memory and virtues.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Held her Annual Communication in November, 1866, Hon. James L. Orr, Grand Master, in the Chair. He was not present at his election the year previous, and therefore was not at that time installed. The ceremony was performed in Solomon Lodge, No. 1, by M. W., H. T. C. Pierson, P. G. M. of Minnesota, and attended by brethren representing nearly every State in the Union, and in his inaugural he

mentions the fact, and glorifies the re-establishment of fraternal relations and the harmony of our temple. There have been some signal illustrations, he adds, of the complete restoration of fraternal relations among Masons in every section of the Union, and of the disposition of Lodges and brethren to alleviate the misfortunes which have overtaken them in various ways within the past few miserable years; and he enumerates a number of instances in support of the statement. He closes by telling his brethren the institution was never in a more flourishing moral and social position in South Carolina than at the present time—a condition of things in which we heartily rejoice.

R. W., A. G. Mackey, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, devotes some space to the discussion of Military Lodges, their property, and the status of members made in them. With regard to the first, the experience of four years has rendered him exceedingly adverse to their establishment in volunteer organizations, though not theoretically wrong or practically disadvantageous in the regular army where the organization is permanent. With regard to the status of Masons made in them, he says he has advised Lodges that if they have no demit, one cannot of course now be had, and impossibilities are not required; hence if the person applying proves his status by due trial and strict examination, the Lodge might receive him by ballot; but when the lessons have been so badly taught, or so carelessly received that they had made no impression, then, evidence both internal and external been wanting, the applicant must be treated as a profane.

M. W. and Hon. Jas. L. Orr is G. M., and R. S. Burns is G. S.

TENNESSEE.

The annual meetings of this Grand Lodge occur in October, but owing to the prevalence of cholera in the principal cities of the State, a constitutional number of representatives of Lodges were summoned by the Grand Secretary, by order of the Grand Master for the purpose, and who proceeded to adjourn until December, 1866, at which time the session was held. The Grand Master, T. H. Hamilton, not being present, sent his address, which was read. He reports having visited a number of Lodges, and found them in a prosperous condition, peace and harmony generally prevailing; he condemns the over good nature which prompts a brother to recommend a petitioner whom he intends to blackball; he thinks firmness is a masonic virtue, and that brethren should not evade their responsibility.

He issued nine dispensations for new Lodges.

The Grand Orient De Colon, Cuba, having commissioned a representative to them, he says he appointed Ill. Bro. Juan M. De Lora, 33d degree, their representative to the G. O. of De Colon, Cuba.

He recommends the adoption of a uniform code of By-Laws, and accordingly one was adopted. He commends the Masonic Text Book, compiled and arranged under the supervision of a special commission for the use of brethren, a copy of which we have the pleasure of receiving at the hands of the Grand Lodge. It is a neat, well got up book of 354 pages, to which is appended a full synopsis of Masonic jurisprudence. We have not had time to make a critical examination, and merely state, in passing, that in the E. A. and F. C. degrees, new selections from Scripture take the place of the familiar ones, viz: the cxxxiii psalm, and Amos, vii, 7, 8. Painters are proverbially poor commentators, and, in the pictorial illustration of Plenty in the F. C. degree, our Tennessee brethren, we notice, retain the conventional sheaf of corn hanging from the top of a high tree. The query arises, who put it there? and what for? Would not brush wood pull out ears of corn from a loaded cart, and hold them hanging near the ford by which the team passed over?

They fraternally appreciate the act of G. M. Sparrow, of Ohio, in forwarding to them sundry jewels belonging to their Lodges, which had been seized during the late war.

So many applications from Lodges for remission of dues were received that none were granted.

The Commission on Jurisprudence reported, among others, the following decisions:

The W. M. may, at his pleasure, exclude a Visitor without giving his reasons.

That a Lodge under dispensation may admit to membership a demitted Mason. If he applies for membership and is rejected, he has no right to demand a trial.

The second and third ballots are to determine the proficiency of the candidate more than his moral character.

A ballot must be had, even when the report of the committee is unfavorable to a candidate.

They reply, in answer to a question: It has been a practice to elect Masters from those only who have served as Wardens; but the practice is not to be adhered to. Lodges should select their best men to fill the offices.

M. W. Joseph M. Anderson was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Charles A. Fuller was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The Annual Session of this Grand Lodge was opened with an address from M. W. Richard Duglass, Grand Master, in which he gives a detailed statement of his official acts, including the granting of a large number of Dispensations for new Lodges, respecting which he earnestly recommends a close inquiry as to the propriety of so rapid an increase of Subordinate Lodges. At the close of his address he alludes feelingly to a subject he deemed of the utmost importance, viz., the deterioration of the standard of Blue Lodge Masonry, evinced by prevailing profanity and blasphemy, and that by Masons reeling and staggering under the influence of intoxicating drinks. He earnestly exhorts all presiding officers to do their duty in the premises, in which he was warmly seconded by the Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge allows a Mason to be a member of more than one Lodge at a time.

They have 300 chartered Lodges and 13 Under Dispensation.

M. W. John R. Fretwell was elected Grand Master, and R. W. George H. Bringham was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Session was held in December, 1866. M. W. Ed. H. Lane, Grand Master, alluding to his announcement last year of the devastation caused by the war, says: They have during the year set to work with such zeal and energy that their losses have, to a great extent, been repaired. He granted Dispensations to form twenty-seven new Lodges—an unusual number, but owing to the fact that “during our late struggle” very few were issued. He says he always fears the result of a general rush to gain admittance into their Lodges, and adds, an institution can become too popular.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, speaking of the reports of sister Grand Lodges, say “they have by no means undertaken to read them through,” but they say politics, poetry and sectional prejudice, with a little Masonry to flavor, constitute the mass of them.”

During the war Union Lodge, U. D., in Virginia, worked under Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, but the Dispensation was afterwards withdrawn. Respecting Masons made in it, they were required by Virginia to be healed before recognition

This year they acknowledge to have been in error, and declare such members were regularly made, and are not clandestine Masons, and must be so recognized.

It was declared that profanes have no *rights* in Masonry. They may be invested with the *privilege* of being admitted into the fraternity.

The question of recognizing the Grand Lodge of West Virginia came up, and they declare "West Virginia has been, and is now, we think, in strict Masonic law, a part of our jurisdiction." The political act creating the State they deny to have any connection with the rights of the Grand Lodge. They admit it to be desirable that each separate State should have its own Grand Lodge, but it should be formed on the principles of known Masonic usage. Before the war, they say, there were thirty-three Lodges in West Virginia, nine of which organized the new Grand Lodge. They profess their willingness to recognize the new Grand Lodge when a majority of the Lodges desire to separate and join it, and shall return their charters and pay their dues up to December, 1865.

M. W. Edward H. Lane, Grand Master, and the venerable John Dove, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication of our neighbor was held in June, 1867.

G. M. Young being confined to his house by sickness, his address was read by the Grand Secretary. He contrasts their present condition and prospects with that "little band" of seven, representing three Lodges, who met in Madison in 1843, and there solemnly "resolved that it is expedient to form a Grand Lodge for the Territory of Wisconsin." He reports having granted twelve Dispensations for new Lodges—too large a number, he fears, for a single year, and and though frank to admit, he is opposed to the too rapid increase of Lodges as well as of members; yet he justifies himself by the large extent of territory in the jurisdiction, and the rapidity with which it is being populated. Acting upon a resolution of last year so directing, he promulgated regulations respecting healing army-made Masons, directing, first: A petition shall be presented and referred at least twenty days before the ballot; second, a unanimous ballot; third, the healing to consist of the administering the O. B. of each degree; fourth, twenty days to intervene between the degrees; and proficiency to be strictly required; sixth, the fee to be not less than \$10.

R. W. A. B. Alden, Grand Lecturer, reports he is convinced, as a general rule, the older Lodges are more in need of ritualistic instruction than those more recently organized. He reports the utmost harmony prevailing among the Craft.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence pay a high compliment to the address of our M. W. Brother Coffinbury at the last session.

They have 101 Lodges and 12 U. D. Number of M. M., 7,074; F. C., 370; E. A., 1,012; initiated, 1,232; rejected, 507; amount of dues, \$4,780 50.

M. W. Harlow Pease is Grand Master, and W. T. Palmer is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Has eleven Lodges and 847 members. The Grand Lodge met at Olympia in September, 1866, R. W. W. H. Wood, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and representatives from six subordinate Lodges. R. W. Brother Wood says he was asked whether he would grant a dispensation for a new Lodge at William's Creek, British Columbia, and he had replied he would if a proper petition, meeting their requirements, was presented. He justifies himself by stating there is not, nor ever has been, a Grand Lodge either at Vancouver's Island or in British Columbia, although it appears there is one or more lodges in the province.

The total membership is four members more than reported the year before.

M. W. Marcus M. Reed is Grand Master, and William H. Wood is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Last year we reported the fact that we had received a statement from West Virginia that the proceedings of the Convention to form a Grand Lodge in that State would be published after their Annual Communication in January, 1867, which proceedings are now at hand, from which we learn that in 1863 the State of West Virginia was formally recognized by the Government of the United States as a separate and independent State; that owing to the war all communication between Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Virginia had been suspended. A Convention was proposed and met in December, 1863, and adjourned until February, 1864, and again adjourned until June, 1864. When it met again, eight Lodges were represented, Grand

officers elected, and a day fixed for instalation. The Grand officers elect deeming informality in the proceedings, declined to be installed. A new Convention was called, and met in April, 1865. Eight Lodges were represented, a Grand Lodge was formed, and Grand officers elected, when the Convention adjourned until May, 1865, when it met again, and the Grand officers elect were installed by M. W. Brother W. B. Thrall, Past Grand Master of Ohio, who, in his address on the occasion, took the ground that the existence and functions of the civil government of West Virginia having been distinctly recognized by the several departments of the Federal Government, a distinct *Masonic* jurisdiction succeeds by an appropriate sequence. The Convention then dissolved.

At their first Grand Communication, M. W. William I. Bates presided, and in his address, after reciting the facts and causes of the organization and justifying the action by reference to Masonic authority, proceeded to suggest the appointment of a special committee to prepare an address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and that a special representative be sent with it, and empowered to settle and adjust all matters in relation to which, difference could arise, to the end that all their obligations might be faithfully observed and cordial fraternal relations established with the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Respecting the payment of dues to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which have accrued since 1861, and as in consequence of the war many are unable to pay, he suggests that perhaps a satisfactory settlement may be made without *full* payment.

At the session in January, 1866, he says the special representative to the Grand Lodge of Virginia had visited Richmond, and was shown fraternal attention by the venerable Brother John Dove, Grand Secretary, and was kindly received by the Grand Lodge, but they insisted, as a condition of recognition, the subordinate Lodges should pay all dues up to the organization of the Grand Lodge and return all their charters.

At the session of January, 1867, he says of the twenty-eight Lodges now in active operation within the limits of the State which were in operation in 1860, twenty acknowledge allegiance to the new Grand Lodge, and are working under their old charters bearing the endorsement of this Grand Lodge. Of the remaining *eight*, four made reports to the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1865; one denies the authority of this Grand Lodge, but made no report to the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1865. Of the condition of the other three he has no certain information.

While admitting the reasonableness of the conditions precedent required by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, before acknowledging the Grand Lodge he suggests the non-observance of them was not from any contumacious or rebellious spirit on the part of the subordinate Lodges, and trusts, though they have set up for themselves, that

their regard for the parent Grand Lodge will remain unimpaired, and that there will be no severance of association or correspondence.

The facts and principles in this case being in many points the same as those in the case of the Grand Lodge of Canada West at the time they set up for themselves and declared their freedom from the jurisdiction of the present Grand Lodge of England, and the points at issue between parent and daughter seeming in this case to be rather technical than fundamental, your committee are inclined to accept the fact, of the *de facto* existence of the State of West Virginia and the regular organization of a Grand Lodge therein.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 26; members, 1,061; initiations, 259; rejections, 76.

M. W. William J. Bates is Grand Master, and Thomas H. Logan is Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FENTON,

Grand Secretary,

And ex-officio Chairman of Com. on For. Cor.

The special committee on the "Burial Service" then presented the following report and resolution which were adopted:

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Ritual for a Burial Service, as reported at the last Grand Communication, respectfully report the same back, with several amendments, and recommend that it be adopted as amended; and that this Grand Lodge recommend the same to all subordinate Lodges to be used as a Burial Service, permitting such modifications as the officiating W. Master may find necessary.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to have a sufficient number of copies of the Burial Service printed in the same form as the Constitution, and that they be supplied to Lodges and members at the cost of publication, and that R. W. Bro. James Fenton be requested to insert the Ritual in his forthcoming new edition of Webb's *Monitor*.

W. T. MITCHELL,
W. V. MORRISON,
S. C. COFFINBURY,
J. E. JOHNSON,
D. C. JACOKES,
Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft a code of By-Laws for the use of subordinate Lodges, to report at the next Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Grand Secretary, W. V. Morrison, and D. Bovee such Committee.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 7:30 this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:30.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when W. Bro. Crane called up his amendment to Section 2 of Article VI. of the Constitution approved last year, relating to the number of black balls required to reject an applicant for membership.

When, after deliberation and debate, the said amendment was not concurred in.

The M. Rev. George Taylor then presented the Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Association, with an engraving of the Michigan Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, in a handsome frame, which was suitably and appropriately acknowledged by the M. W. Grand Master on the part of the Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. Sydney Hayden, of Pennsylvania, was introduced to the Grand Lodge, and by request delivered an instructive address on the symbolism of Free Masonry, at the conclusion of which it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered our learned Bro. Hayden for his interesting and instructive address.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the name of Jeremiah Moore Lodge No. 98, located at Morenci, Lenawee county, be and the same is hereby changed to Morenci Lodge, No. 98, by which name said Lodge shall be hereafter known.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

W. Bro. Morrison, on behalf of Bro. Brock, W. M. of Lansing Lodge, No. 33, asked the Grand Lodge the duty of his Lodge in respect to a Past Master of said Lodge, who, it is alleged, has been guilty of violating the edicts of this jurisdiction in the matter of keys, and, on his motion, it was referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law, who reported thereon as follows, which report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The committee to whom was referred the above, beg leave to report that the action complained of is a violation of the edicts of this Grand Lodge, and it is the duty of the Lodge to prefer charges and try the offender, and, if found guilty to inflict Masonic punishment.

J. W. CHAMPLIN,
M. S. BRACKETT.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law further reported as follows, which report was also accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan:

Your Committee on Masonic Law to whom was referred the following questions, viz.:

1st. What are the duties of a Junior Warden in regard to preparing charges and prosecuting Masonic trials?

2d. If a Brother be suspended or expelled and gives notice of appeal to the Grand Lodge, what is his Masonic status during the interval?

In answer to the first question your committee are of the opinion that it is the duty of the Junior Warden to prepare and prosecute charges in Masonic trials when so directed by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Second, An appeal does not restore a suspended or expelled Mason pending the appeal—his Masonic status, therefore, is that of an expelled or suspended Mason.

Your committee further report as to the several questions presented by the Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge No. 7, as follows, viz.:

1st Question—Can a Brother be disciplined for disclosing the proceedings of the Lodge to a profane?

Answer—Yes.

2d Question— * * * * *

Answer—Yes.

3d Question—Has a Brother the right to expose the financial proceedings of the Lodge and ridicule the same?

Answer—No; and for such an offense should be dealt with.

The following question was referred to us, viz.:

Question—Can a Lodge working under dispensation expel a Master Mason from the rights and benefits of Masonry?

Answer—They can. Art. 6, sec. 4, of the Grand Constitution settles this question.

Your committee have considered the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in reference to the address of the Grand Master of New Jersey relative to the evils likely to grow out of the incorporation of Masonic Lodges, and fully concur in the opinions entertained by him.

An act was passed by the Legislature of this State in 1865, providing for the incorporation of Masonic Lodges. Section 4 of said

act provides for the creation of capital stock not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, to be divided into shares not exceeding fifty dollars each. Section 5 provides that the stockholders shall be entitled to one vote for each share, and they may select a Board of Trustees, etc.

What is there to prevent this stock from being purchased and held by persons not members of the Lodge or of the Order? And may not the control of the corporation thus pass into the hands of persons not masons?

This act was twice amended at the last session of the Legislature, by section 7 of which act, as amended, the corporation is empowered to elect officers of the corporation under and by such name and style as shall be in accordance with its Masonic constitution, and that instead of electing a board of trustees they may provide that its affairs may be managed by such officers—thus making the officers of the Lodge and the officers of the corporation identical.

Your committee are apprehensive, after a careful examination of the law of this State that much evil will ultimately arise to the Craft by means of this law, and would suggest the propriety of this Grand Lodge interdicting its Subordinate Lodges and members from availing themselves of the provisions thereof.

And your committee further report that they are unable to draft resolutions which will avoid the difficulty or remedy the evil, therefore,

Resolved, That all members in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby interdicted and prohibited from forming incorporate bodies under the laws of this State.

J. W. CHAMPLIN,
A. I. SAWYER,
M. S. BRACKETT, M. D.

The Special Committee on the erection of a Masonic building, appointed at the last session, then reported as follows, which report and the resolution accompanying were accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned committee appointed at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of the erection of a Masonic building would most respectfully report that they have

had the subject under consideration and are of the opinion that the time has arrived when decided action should be taken by this Grand Body towards the erection of an edifice for the use of the fraternity in this growing jurisdiction, which shall be a permanent Masonic home and an honor to the Craft.

We believe that the Masons and Masonic bodies of Michigan are abundantly able to erect such building, and for the purpose of bringing the subject before this Grand Body would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge deems it expedient to erect a Masonic Temple for the use of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of profit in investment by rents and convenience of access from all parts of the State, such building should be located at some business point in the City of Detroit.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed whose duty it shall be to devise ways and means, procure plans, obtain proposals for a site, and for the erection of the building, and report at the next annual communication.

4. *Resolved*, That said committee (except those living in Detroit) be allowed for their necessary travel and actual attendance on committee meetings for the above purposes at Detroit, not to exceed five days attendance at same rates allowed members of the Grand Lodge, payable on the order of the Grand Secretary and certificate of the chairman of the committee.

JOHN P. FISKE,

R. W. LANDON,

Committee.

In pursuance of resolution three, the M. W. Grand Master appointed as such Committee the following brethren: Hon. M. I. Mills, of Detroit; Hon. W. M. Fenton, P. G. M., of Flint; R. W. Landon, of Niles; John P. Fiske, Joseph Godfrey, of Detroit; George C. Munroe, P. G. M., of Jonesville, and Nichol Mitchel, of Detroit.

On motion of W. Bro. Harris, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge reconsider its action had yesterday on the amendment to the Constitution proposed by W. Bro. Crane, and that the same be referred to the standing committee on Masonic Law.

Bro. Cogshall offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, It appears from their memorial that Port Hope Lodge No. 138 held their regular annual communication for the election of

officers under the constitution on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1867, and continued their labor until 1 o'clock A. M. Sunday, at which time they elected their officers for the ensuing year.

And Whereas, The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer, were re-elected, and now ask leave to hold a new election.

And whereas, If the power is granted, the election will be held some time next December as no specific day is stated in their petition on which they wish to hold their election.

And whereas, If the election was illegally held the old officers hold over under the constitution; and if the election was legally held then the present officers were legally elected, and this Grand Lodge will not disturb the election; therefore,

Resolved, That Port Hope Lodge have leave to withdraw their memorial.

On motion of Bro. Harris, it was

Resolved, That certain papers presented by Orangeville Lodge, No. 181, be treated as of the force and effect of a demit.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Mitchel, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge dues of Hastings Lodge, No. 52, for the past year be remitted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the annual election of Grand officers. Bros. J. B. Newton and W. F. Moore were appointed tellers, when the following Brethren were declared elected to the offices set opposite their names, respectively, to wit:

S. C. COFFINBURY, of Constantine,	M. W. Grand Master.
A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
A. PARTRIDGE, of Birmingham,	R. W. S. Grand Warden.
E. R. LANDON, of Detroit,	R. W. J. Grand Warden.
RUFUS W. LANDON, of Niles,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
S. BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh,	R. W. G. Visitor and Lect'r.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master elect then appointed the remaining Grand officers, to wit:

THOMAS U. FLANNER, of Hancock,	R. W. D. D. G. M. for the U. P.
Rev. I. BOYNTON, of Pentwater,	M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

JAMES W. GILBERT, of Detroit,	W. Grand Architect.
J. B. BAMPION, of Detroit,	W. S. Grand Deacon.
WARREN GREEN, of Colon,	W. J. Grand Deacon.
GEORGE R. HURD, of Monroe,	Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN L. NEWELL, of Port Huron,	Grand Pursuivant.
D. R. STROUD, of Hudson,	Grand Marshal.
W. V. GRIFFITH, of Detroit,	Grand Steward and Tiler.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then presented the following report, which, after debate, was laid on the table until the next annual Communication:

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the Constitution, to strike out the word "three" and insert "one" so that it shall require unanimous consent to admit a Mason as a member of a Lodge, beg leave to report that section six, of chapter six of the "Ancient Constitutions," which "are obligatory, as fundamental regulations, in all parts of the world," provides that "no man can be entered by a brother in any particular Lodge or admitted a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that Lodge then present when the candidate is proposed; and when their consent is formally asked by the Master, they are to give their consent in their own prudent way, either virtually or in form, but with unanimity; nor is this inherent privilege subject to a dispensation, because the members of a particular Lodge are the best judges of; and because if a turbulent member should be imposed on them it might spoil their harmony or hinder the freedom of their communication, or even break or disperse the Lodge, which ought to be avoided by all that are true and faithful."

This article, which contains not only the rule but the reason of the rule, your committee think should not be departed from. The same provision is also contained in what are known as the "General Regulations," compiled in 1720 and approved by the Grand Lodge of England in 1721.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. CHAMPLIN,
M. S. BRACKETT,

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law also made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law to whom was referred the case of Bros. Hunt and Cross, beg leave to report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the certificates of Lebanon Lodge No. 6 (now extinct), under the seal of said Lodge, held by said Brothers, be received by any of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction as and for sufficient demits. *Provided*, Said Bros. Hunt and Cross shall otherwise prove themselves to be Master Masons.

J. W. CHAMPLIN,
M. S. BRACKETT.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to M. W. S. C. Coffinbury for his expenses the past year, eight hundred dollars to the Grand Secretary for his salary the past year, and seventy-five dollars for the services of the Grand Steward and Tiler for the past year and this session.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to Monroe Chapter for the rent of the Grand Secretary's office and use of hall for the year.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer be paid eight hundred dollars for his salary for the ensuing year, in full for his services, the same to be paid quarterly.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a number of aprons, sufficient to clothe the members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Hon. William M. Fenton, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to W. K. Muir, Esq., Assistant General Superintendent of the Michigan Central Railroad; to C. F. Hatch, Esq., General Superintendent of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad; to Thomas Bell, General Superintendent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad; to George C. Kimball, Esq., Superintendent of the Flint and Holly Railroad; to H. C. Potter, Esq., Superintendent of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad; to E. Reidy, Esq., Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk Railroad, and to H. H. Smith, Esq., General Superintendent of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad, for their courtesy and liberality in granting return passes over their respective roads to our Brethren in attendance at this session.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the above resolution to our friends, the gentlemen above named.

On motion, the special committee to whom was referred the subject of re-printing the old proceedings of the Grand Lodge were discharged from further consideration of the same.

Leave was granted to Bro. C. Jones, and accordingly he renewed his motion of last year, (on page eight of the printed proceedings,) in relation to amending the Constitution as therein set forth in respect to *Wardens* being made members of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then proceeded to install the newly-elected and appointed Grand officers, to wit:

E. R. LANDON,	R. W. J. Grand Warden.
I. BOYNTON,	M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.
J. B. BAMPTON,	W. S. Grand Deacon.
WARREN GREEN,	W. J. Grand Deacon.
GEORGE R. HURD,	Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN L. NEWELL,	Grand Pursuivant.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized and directed to procure the printing of the transactions, and such other matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having reference in his contract as well to the price as to the time of performance.

There being no further business, the Communication of the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in AMPLE FORM, after solemn prayer by the Worshipful and Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST:

JAMES FENTON,
Grand Secretary.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LODGES

ARE HELD EVERY MONTH, ON THE DAYS FOLLOWING *on or before* THE FULL MOON,
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
1. Wednesday.	40. Friday.	84. Saturday.
2. Tuesday.	41. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	85. Wednesday.
3. Monday.	44. Thursday.	86. Tuesday.
4. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	46. Thursday.	88. Wednesday.
5. Tuesday.	47. Friday.	89. Wednesday.
6. Wednesday.	48. Tuesday.	90. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
7. Friday.	49. Monday.	91. Thursday.
8. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.	50. 1st and 3d Wed'd'y.	92. Saturday.
9. Wednesday.	51. Monday.	93. Wednesday.
10. Saturday.	52. Wednesday.	94. Monday.
11. Monday.	54. Tuesday.	95. Tuesday.
12. Tuesday.	55. Wednesday.	96. Monday.
13. Tuesday.	56. Thursday.	97. Monday.
14. Third Monday.	57. Tuesday.	98. Monday.
16. Thursday.	58. Thursday.	99. Tuesday.
17. 2d and 4th Thursday.	59. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉	100. Wednesday.
18. First Tuesday.	60. Thursday.	101. First Tuesday.
19. Wednesday.	61. Wednesday.	102. Wednesday.
20. Friday.	62. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	103. Monday.
21. Friday.	63. Monday.	104. Tuesday.
22. Wednesday.	64. Friday.	105. Monday.
23. Monday.	65. Friday.	106. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
24. Saturday.	66. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉	107. First Tuesday.
25. Tuesday.	67. Second Tuesday.	108. Second Wednesd'y.
26. Monday.	68. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	109. Wednesday.
27. Wednesday.	69. Friday.	110. Monday.
28. Saturday.	70. Wednesday.	111. First Wednesday.
29. Friday.	73. Saturday.	112. Monday.
30. Tuesday.	74. Tuesday.	113. Wednesday.
31. Tuesday.	75. Monday <i>before</i> ☉.	114. Tuesday.
32. Tuesday.	76. Tuesday.	115. Tuesday.
33. Thursday.	77. Tuesday.	116. First Friday.
34. Wednesday.	78. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	117. Wedn'd'y <i>before</i> ☉.
35. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	79. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	118. Monday.
36. Wednesday.	80. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	119. Wednesday.
37. Monday.	81. Wednesday.	120. Wedn'd'y <i>before</i> ☉.
38. Wednesday.	82. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	121. Thursday.
39. Wednesday.	83. Thursday.	122. Thursday.

REGULAR MEETINGS—(Continued.)

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
123. Wednesday.	162. Saturday.	207. Friday.
124. Tuesday.	163. Monday.	208. Saturday.
125. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	164. Saturday.	209. Tuesday.
126. Tuesday.	166. Thursday.	210. Wednesday.
127. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	167. Tuesday.	211. Thursday.
128. Thursday.	168. Tuesday.	212. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
129. Wednesday.	169. Monday.	213. Tuesday.
130. Thursday.	170. Monday.	214. Monday.
131. Thursday.	171. Thursday.	215. Saturday.
132. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	172. Saturday.	216. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.
133. Tuesday.	173. Monday.	217. Monday.
134. Friday.	174. Wednesday.	218. Fourth Monday.
135. First Tuesday.	175. Saturday.	219. Thursday.
136. Monday.	176. First Wednesday.	220. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.
137. Thursday.	177. Friday.	221. Friday.
138. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	179. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	222. Monday <i>before</i> ☉.
139. Wednesday.	180. Saturday.	223. Tuesday.
140. Monday.	181. Tuesday.	224. Monday.
141. Saturday.	187. Saturday.	225. Wednesday.
142. Saturday.	188. Thursday.	226. Wednesday.
143. Thursday.	189. Monday.	227. Thursday.
144. Thursday.	190. Tuesday.	228. Monday.
145. Tuesday.	191. Wednesday.	229. Thursday.
146. Monday.	192. Monday.	230. Tuesday.
147. Thursday.	193. Wednesday.	231. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
148. Monday.	194. Thursday.	232. Saturday.
149. Saturday.	195. Third Saturday.	233. Saturday.
150. Wednesday.	196. Saturday.	234. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.
151. Wednesday.	197. Saturday.	235. Wednesday.
152. Friday.	198. Tuesday.	236. Friday.
154. Thursday.	199. Wednesday.	237. Tuesday.
155. Monday.	200. Tuesday.	238. Wednesday.
156. Tuesday.	201. Wedn'd'y <i>before</i> ☉.	239. Monday.
157. Tuesday.	202. Tuesday.	240. ———
158. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	203. Tuesday.	241. ———
159. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	204. Thursday.	242. ———
160. Tuesday.	205. Tuesday.	243. Wednesday.
161. Wednesday.	206. Thursday.	

EXPELLED.

NAMES.	LODGES.	NO.	CAUSE.
Thos. Mackey,	Detroit,	2	u. m. c.
S. N. Atwood,	Detroit,	2	u. m. c.
Chas. Meyers,	Union, of S. O.,	8	g. u. m. c.
Wm. Davis,	Trenton,	8	u. m. c.
Chas. Coonrad, Sr.,	Trenton,	8	u. m. c.
David James,	Trenton,	8	u. m. c.
James A. Lee,	Dowagiac,	10	u. m. c.
Robt. McHutchen,	Murat,	14	u. m. c.
F. N. Lewis,	Jackson,	17	u. m. c.
Henry Miller,	Jackson,	17	u. m. c.
L. L. Barry,	Adrian,	19	u. m. c.
R. H. Crowel,	Adrian,	19	u. m. c.
Henry J. Ihm,	Flint,	28	u. m. c.
Edward Sandbourn,	Portland,	81	n. p. d.
W. B. May,	Siloam,	85	g. u. m. c.
Nelson H. Batson,	Ionia,	86	u. m. c.
Cyrus K. Sprague,	Lyons,	87	u. m. c.
Wm. Burgher,	Hastings,	82	u. m. c.
J. P. Donnelly,	Port Huron,	58	u. m. c.
H. F. Strong,	Buchanan,	68	u. m. c.
John Coatsworth,	Mason,	70	u. m. c.
Joseph Sykes,	Livingston,	76	u. m. c.
J. R. Taylor,	Saginaw,	77	u. m. c.
A. R. Fossier,	Otsego,	78	u. m. c.
C. Lee,	Byron,	80	n. p. d.
J. L. Topin,	Byron,	80	n. p. d.
J. Close,	Byron,	80	n. p. d.
Chas. Clark,	Byron,	80	n. p. d.
L. Milspaugh,	Wayne,	112	u. m. c.
B. H. Wheeler,	Blissfield,	114	u. m. c.
Geo. Wandless,	Ypsilanti,	128	n. p. d.
W. L. Yost,	Ypsilanti,	128	n. p. d.
H. P. Dutcher,	Memphis,	142	u. m. c.
Jas. Sowles, Jr.,	Maple Rapids,	145	u. m. c.
Octavius Claffin,	Boston,	146	u. m. c.
S. L. Sergeant,	Olive,	156	u. m. c.
John R. Duesler,	Hillsdale,	176	u. m. c.
Dwight T. Merrill,	Orangeville,	181	u. m. c.
Geo. A. Curtis,	St. Louis,	188	u. m. c.
Godfrey Marsden,	Chesaning,	194	u. m. c.
Saml. Stitt,	Winfield,	197	u. m. c.
Robt. White, an E. A.,	Alpena,	199	u. m. c.

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No.	LODERS.	W. MASTERS.	Address.	Am't Dues.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Members.	REMARKS.
1	Zion,	Thos. McGregor..	Detroit,	\$ 105 75	49	9	..	1	20	..	250	.....
2	Detroit,	Wm. F. Moore...	Detroit,	101 75	32	6	2	30	27	..	283	.....
3	Union of S. O.,	J. B. Bampton...	Detroit,	83 00	20	7	1	1	28	5	260	.....
4	St. Jos. Valley,	E. Flegal,	Niles,	34 00	6	1	..	..	5	1	110	.....
5	Rochester,	J. V. Lambertson.	Rochester,...	19 50	5	7	..	..	..	..	60	.....
6	Mt. Clemens, ...	C. Farrar,	Mt. Clemens,	18 50	2	4	..	8	2	..	60	.....
7	Washington, ..	A. D. Eldred,...	Tekonsla,...	28 25	9	1	..	..	9	..	76	.....
8	Trenton,	A. McIlhenny...	Trenton,	15 50	0	0	8	..	7	1	65	.....
9	Evergreen,	D. D. O'Dell,...	St. Clair,...	30 00	7	8	..	..	11	..	99	.....
10	Dowagiac,	L. S. Henderson,	Dowagiac,...	27 50	9	15	1	..	11	..	84	.....
11	Pine Grove, ...	E. W. Harris,...	Pt. Huron,...	48 00	16	2	..	..	11	..	189	.....
12	Battle Creek, ..	C. F. Bock,	Battle Creek,	38 00	13	3	..	..	17	..	116	.....
13	Phoenix,	Austin Guild,...	Ypsilanti,...	43 25	12	8	..	2	10	2	152	.....
14	Murat,	W. V. Morrison,	Albion,	29 50	2	8	1	1	4	2	99	.....
16	Lafayette,	E. J. Hodges,...	Jonesville,...	68 00	26	10	..	..	13	..	183	.....
17	Jackson,	Peter R. Lovell,	Jackson,	72 25	24	8	2	..	24	1	200	.....
18	Tyre,	D. Bovee,	Coldwater,...	84 25	30	20	..	..	27	2	251	.....
19	Adrian,	Slas Hurlbut,...	Adrian,	71 25	16	11	2	8	12	2	261	.....
20	St. Albans,	Chas. F. Bull,...	Marshall,...	44 25	16	5	..	1	26	1	118	.....
21	Pontiac,	Henry M. Look,	Pontiac,...	89 25	36	5	1	..	87	1	217	.....
23	Kalamazoo, ...	O. T. Blood, ...	Kalamazoo,...	70 25	28	10	..	..	5	1	203	.....
28	Flint,	S. C. Randall,...	Flint,	75 25	30	8	1	..	17	1	173	.....
24	Mt. Harmon,...	L. A. Clapp,	Centreville,...	13 50	2	..	..	..	4	1	60	.....

	Paw Paw,...	G. J. Hudson, ...	Paw Paw,...	33 25	7	1	..	..	13	1	111	..
25	Maxson,	A. J. Skutt,	Hudson,	40 00	10	13	..	..	5	..	154	..
26	Monroe,	A. I. Sawyer, M. D.	Monroe,	34 00	7	2	..	1	11	..	107	..
27	Union,	A. B. Aiken,	Union City, ..	24 25	15	..	..	..	2	1	50	..
28	Humanity, ...	Frank Mead,	Homer,	19 00	5	3	..	..	4	..	60	..
29	Concord,	A. W. Reynolds	Concord,	31 00	8	2	..	..	1	..	98	..
30	Portland,	George Hill, Jr., ..	Portland,	25 50	7	..	1	..	5	2	89	..
31	Fidelity,	J. F. Hayden,	Hillsdale,	50 00	18	9	..	..	4	1	175	..
32	Lansing,	B. F. Back,	Lansing,	56 65	20	1	..	..	11	2	140	..
33	Grand River, ..	L. H. Randall,	Gr'd Rapids, ..	77 35	26	..	..	..	17	1	213	..
34	Siloam,	David E. Wilson, ..	Constantine, ..	29 75	7	5	1	..	13	1	103	..
35	Ionia,	John B. Hutchins, ..	Ionia,	42 89	12	1	1	..	8	2	134	..
36	Lyons,	D. C. Spaulding, ..	Lyons, .....	.. ..	19	5	1	..	14	1	130	..
37	Howell,	J. T. Titus,	Howell,	37 50	12	7	..	..	14	1	112	..
38	Western Star, ..	Edd Hall,	Berrien Spa., ..	17 35	2	2	..	..	6	..	50	..
39	Franklin,	J. E. White,	Litchfield, ...	26 50	7	6	..	..	4	1	79	..
40	Romeo,	I. D. Hanscourt, ..	Romeo,	61 25	7	6	..	..	3	1	104	..
41	Birmingham, ..	A. Partridge,	Birmingham, ..	39 75	10	7	..	..	5	5	133	..
42	Orion,	W. E. Littell,	Orion,	20 75	5	3	..	..	3	..	63	..
43	Plymouth Rock	W. E. Smith,	Nankin,	31 00	4	6	..	2	1	1	83	..
44	Austin,	H. Wright,	Austin,	29 75	5	8	..	..	5	..	109	..
45	Meridian Sun, ..	N. J. Packard,	Sturgis,	43 25	10	..	..	..	15	..	127	..
46	Michigan,	Hollis F. Knapp, ..	Jackson,	45 25	19	6	..	..	7	..	122	..
47	Almont,	DeWitt Halleck, ..	Almont,	22 75	8	3	..	..	..	..	71	..
48	Hastings,	W. F. Goodyear, ..	Hastings, .....	.. ..	9	9	1	2	..	..	118	..
49	Lapeer,	Caleb S. Hicks,	Lapeer,	27 75	10	1	..	..	7	..	76	..
50	Backus,	S. S. Chapman,	Cassopolis, ..	28 25	10	1	..	..	3	..	80	..
51	Occidental,	A. B. Leeds,	St. Joseph, ...	35 75	7	3	..	..	12	2	110	..
52	Three Rivers, ...	Thos. G. Green, ...	Three Rivers, ..	33 42	8	5	133	..
53	Pt. Huron,	J. L. Newell, ...	Port Huron, ..	54 25	18	2	1	..	6	1	139	..
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No.	LODGES.	W. MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Am't Dues.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. members.	REMARKS.
59	Climax,	M. Hodgeman,...	Climax,	15 50	4	1	..	..	4	..	68	.....
60	Cedar,	John T. Peter,...	Clarkston, ..	22 50	5	3	..	..	..	..	80	.....
61	Lexington,	N. Wolff,	Lexington, ..	54 00	24	20	..	..	..	2	171	.....
62	S. Ward,	N. S. Boynton,...	Marine City, ..	21 50	6	4	..	..	7	..	60	.....
63	Eaton Rapids, ..	G. B. Hamlin,...	Eaton Rapids	33 00	12	2	..	..	9	1	96	.....
64	Macomb,	Chas. F. Apling, ..	Washington, ..	18 75	1	4	..	..	1	..	69	.....
65	Washienaw, ..	A. D. Crane,	Dexter,	28 00	12	7	..	..	2	1	74	.....
66	Capital of S. O.	Alex. Blair,	Lansing,	34 75	8	9	..	19	..	1	127	.....
67	Ontonagon, ..	W. W. Spalding, ..	Ontonagon, ..	15 25	4	4	..	..	6	..	53	.....
68	Buchanan,	D. Terriere,	Buchanan, ..	31 50	9	4	1	..	..	1	108	.....
69	Tecumseh,	D. C. Larned,	Tecumseh, ..	49 50	15	6	..	..	12	1	147	.....
70	Mason,	G. W. Huntington, ..	Mason,	21 00	4	3	1	..	10	1	70	.....
73	Colon,	W. E. Greene,	Colon,	28 50	8	3	..	..	11	..	78	.....
74	Dundee,	H. Watling,	Dundee,	15 50	1	1	..	..	2	1	61	.....
75	Ulta,	P. A. Knight,	Ulta,	26 00	9	2	1	..	3	..	82	.....
76	Livingston,	M. F. Darow,	Plackney,	33 00	10	3	1	..	4	1	99	.....
77	Saginaw,	Mark Hodgson,	E. Saginaw, ..	38 25	8	2	1	..	17	8	113	.....
78	Osego,	E. M. Allen,	Osego,	25 25	8	9	1	..	5	..	21	.....
79	Germania,	M. C. T. Plesner, ..	Saginaw City, ..	..	8	1	..	..	2	..	34	Dues remitted.
80	Byron,	Warren Clough, ..	Byron,	14 75	2	4	..	2	2	9	54	.....
81	Owosso,	H. O. Williams, ..	Owosso,	18 00	8	4	4	..	9	..	60	.....
82	Lake St. Clair, ..	(Geo. L. Phelps, ..	N. Baltimore, ..	18 75	6	2	..	..	1	..	53	.....
83	Bellevue,	R. B. Hughes,	Bellevue,	28 00	12	3	..	..	11	..	93	.....

84	Oxford,	G. S. Pierce,	Oxford,	20 00	4	5	..	..	5	..	70
85	Ann Arbor, ..	S. G. Taylor, ..	Ann Arbor, ..	42 25	14	7	..	..	12	..	130
86	Valley City, ..	W. K. Wheeler, ..	Gr'd Rapids, ..	58 25	18	9	..	..	28	1	151
88	Butler,	A. Laupman, ..	Butler,	11 00	6	3	..	..	8	..	30
89	Myrtle,	Jos. C. Merrill, ..	Belleville, ..	28 00	8	..	..	..	6	9	85
90	Lowell,	E. R. Crow,	Lowell,	30 75	5	3	..	4	11	1	99
91	Ashtar,	R. Rowland,	Detroit,	70 50	27	8	..	..	30	2	164
92	Prairie,	M. W. Alfred,	Gatesburg, ..	26 00	15	11	1	..	7	..	62
93	Star,	N. W. Thompson, ..	Osco,	26 00	11	1	..	..	3	..	66
94	Charity,	Dan. B. Nichols, ..	Detroit,	96 00	36	7	..	10	22	1	230
95	J. Moors,	N. N. Butler,	Morenci,	25 75	12	4	..	1	8	1	70
96	Greenville, ..	Wm. Maxell,	Greenville, ..	29 25	9	2	..	..	..	..	78
97	Niles,	A. G. Darley,	Niles,	31 00	10	5	..	..	6	..	98
98	Waterford, ..	F. W. Field,	Waterford, ..	20 25	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
99	Decatur,	M. Werner,	Decatur,	32 00	16	12	..	..	5	..	78
100	Oakwood,	Geo. D. Cowden, ..	Oakwood, ..	21 50	6	4	..	..	9	1	64
101	Marquette, ..	S. M. Billings, ..	Marquette, ..	20 50	4	2	..	12	4	1	80
102	Blanchard, ..	J. J. Russell,	Petersburgh, ..	19 75	7	4	..	..	3	..	63
103	Greenly,	Fred. Hunt,	Adrian,	63 50	13	8	..	..	..	2	201
104	White Pigeon.	Robt. A. Greene, ..	W. Pigeon, ..	31 75	9	5	..	..	7	1	92
105	St. Johns,	R. McFarlen,	St. Johns,	55 50	24	9	..	..	1	1	133
106	St. Peters,	I. B. Thomas,	Edwardsburg, ..	17 25	2	4	1	..	1	..	62
107	Eureka,	G. R. Hurd,	Monroe,	16 00	3	2	..	..	1	5	49
108	Rockland,	D. P. Waite,	Rockland,	28 50	10	6	..	..	2	..	73
109	Fentonville, ..	Asa Reynolds,	Fentonville, ..	53 00	9	6	..	1	6	..	183
110	Hiram,	W. H. Lawrence, ..	Brownstown, ..	26 75	5	2	..	..	2	..	94
111	Allegan,	W. J. Pollard,	Allegan,	30 00	8	..	..	..	13	..	63
112	Wayne,	Chas. T. Barnard, ..	Wayne,	30 25	12	1	1	..	3	..	79
113	Hamilton,	S. W. Perry,	Moscow,	32 00	8	8	7	2	101
114	Blissfield,	J. B. Clement,	Blissfield,	18 50	6	4	1	..	10	..	56

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No.	Lodges.	W. Masters.	Address.	Am't Dues.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. members.	Remarks.
115	Corunna,	S. Pettibone,	Corunna,	29 25	8	5	..	..	5	1	87	.....
116	Excelsior,	Samuel Bunker, ..	Grass Lake,	34 25	9	2	..	..	14	..	97	.....
117	Readings,	A. B. Strong,	Reading,	44 50	14	13	..	..	17	..	121	.....
118	Schoolcraft, ..	C. F. Wheeler,	Schoolcraft, ..	31 75	14	..	..	..	..	..	86	.....
119	Rising Sun,	D. D. Briggs,	Lawrence,	23 25	6	..	..	1	..	..	59	.....
120	Charlotte,	E. S. Lacey,	Charlotte,	35 00	8	9	..	..	..	..	113	.....
121	Commerce,	T. A. Smith,	Commerce,	17 00	9	7	2	1	5	2	60	.....
122	Ottawa,	Thomas Lowe,	Eastmanville, ..	31 00	14	5	..	..	11	..	86	.....
123	Ithica,	Nathan Church, ..	Ithica,	10 75	1	3	..	..	2	..	42	.....
124	Eagle,	Aug. Boardman, ..	Burr Oak,	27 00	6	8	..	..	3	..	88	.....
125	Fairfield,	N. Gleason,	Adrian,	41 00	17	6	..	..	16	1	75	.....
126	Forest,	Charles Heiden, ..	Capac,	15 75	4	1	..	..	13	2	56	.....
127	Ovid,	W. H. Faxon,	Ovid,	30 00	13	10	..	8	7	1	83	.....
128	Ypsilanti,	Warren Babcock, ..	Ypsilanti,	28 50	2	13	2	..	9	2	86	.....
129	Bay City,	Rev. C. P. Nash, ..	Bay City,	45 00	19	1	..	..	23	1	80	.....
130	Stockbridge, ...	H. Gregory,	Unadilla,	28 00	7	5	..	..	4	1	90	.....
131	Newaygo,	A. C. Giddings, ..	Newaygo,	18 75	7	4	..	..	9	1	47	.....
132	Linden,	J. B. Hyatt,	Linden, .....	..	5	3	..	..	J	..	08	Dues remitted.
133	Saline,	L. H. Reynolds, ..	Saline,	20 25	6	4	..	..	4	1	64	.....
134	Holly,	Bela Cogshall,	Holly,	32 25	13	4	..	4	5	..	89	.....
135	Quincy,	John Duncan,	Quincy,	82 00	12	9	..	3	30	..	95	.....
136	Pokagon,	J. E. Garwood, ..	Pokagon,	16 75	4	8	..	..	5	1	51	.....
137	Mendon,	Chas. A. Palmer, ..	Mendon,	23 25	0	5	..	..	19	..	68	.....

138	Pt. Hope,.....	A. J. Mathewson,...	Port Hope..	87 50	21	4	..	..	..	..	..	66	.....
139	Grand Haven,...	Geo. E. Hubbard,...	Gr'd Haven.	25 00	13	17	..	..	..	..	..	60	.....
140	Muskegon	C. J. Hamilton,...	Muskegon ..	47 25	23	10	..	..	..	..	..	125	.....
141	Mystic,.....	Milo Clark,.....	Bronson,....	36 50	13	2	..	..	..	..	..	99	.....
142	Memphis,....	L. G. Sperry,....	Memphis,...	21 75	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	82	.....
143	Harmony,....	J. E. Barringer,...	Armada,....	22 50	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	7	.....
144	Russell,.....	Geo. Kirkland,...	Erie,	13 42	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	9	.....
145	Maple Rapids,...	Isaac Hewett,....	Maple Rapids	21 25	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	.....
146	Boston,.....	Elijah Pratt,....	Saranac,....	25 75	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	.....
147	Warren,.....	Edward A. Gay,...	Hudson,....	23 25	19	7	..	..	..	..	..	110	.....
148	Manchester,...	Albert Case,....	Manchester,.	26 00	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....
149	United,.....	E. H. Glenn,....	Cooper,.....	21 50	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	67	.....
150	Dryden,.....	N. B. Eldridge, 2d,	Dryden,....	27 00	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	.....
151	Farmington,...	J. H. Smith,....	Novi,.....	22 75	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	64	.....
152	Redford,.....	Jas. McKinney,...	Redford,....	19 50	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	67	.....
153	Williamston, ..	John A. Leasia,...	Williamston,	18 25	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....
154	Saginaw Valley,	Fred. L. Eaton,...	Saginaw City,	25 75	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	.....
155	Safina,.....	M. W. Qu'ck'n'bus	Saginaw, ...	30 00	14	3	..	..	..	..	..	5	.....
156	Olive,.....	O. Thatcher,....	Chelsea,....	16 25	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	21	.....
157	Addison,....	Wm. Brown,....	Addison,....	21 50	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	12	.....
158	Star of Lake,...	T. W. Merritt, Jr.,	South Haven,	42 75	20	3	..	..	..	..	..	10	.....
159	Golden Rule,...	Robt. J. Price,...	Ann Arbor,...	36 25	20	3	..	..	..	..	..	14	.....
160	Dansville,....	Joseph Keene,...	Dansville,...	26 75	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....
161	North Newberg	J. M. Gorham,...	N. Newberg,.	26 00	11	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	.....
162	Coloma,.....	John L. Marvin,...	Coloma,....	14 25	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	.....
163	Cass River,....	L. C. Davis,....	Vassar,	19 75	10	8	..	..	..	..	..	5	.....
164	Powerville,...	H. N. Spencer,...	Fowlerville,.	25 75	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....
165	Milford,	J. L. Andrews,...	Milford,....	45 25	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	.....
166	Mt. Vernon,...	M. Hawley,....	Quincy,....	34 50	14	3	9
167	Tracy,.....	Wm. C Sprague,.	Deerfield, ...	16 00	5	2	2

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168	Temple,.....	R. Kimball,.....	Adrian,.....	83 25	16	1	54
169	Brooklyn,.....	W. S. Culver,.....	Brooklyn,...	39 25	23	2	25	1	88
170	Wyandotte,.....	J. S. VanAlstyne,...	Wyandotte,...	19 50	6	1	..	..	7	..	54	.....
171	Big Rapids,.....	Charlie Gay,.....	Big Rapids,...	24 00	10	2	..	..	12	1	55	.....
172	Dearborn,.....	James Travis,.....	Dearborn,...	19 25	9	1	..	..	4	..	45	.....
173	Evening Star,.....	Alex. Kerr,.....	Medina,.....	29 25	14	..	..	..	4	..	59	.....
174	Genesee,.....	J. B. Newton,.....	Flint,.....	27 75	14	4	..	..	12	..	57	.....
175	Clinton,.....	D. Woodard,.....	Clinton,...	26 50	10	1	..	..	4	1	67	.....
176	Hillsdale,.....	R. A. Everett,.....	Hillsdale,...	11 75	5	2	1	..	4	..	27	.....
177	Croton,.....	A. Truesdell,.....	Croton,.....	16 25	10	2	..	..	1	..	25	.....
178	Tuscan,.....	Wm. Reynolds,...	Hubbardston,...	.. ..	18	..	..	..	8	..	53	Dues remitted.
179	Grand Ledge,.....	Geo. W. Thomas,...	Grand Ledge,...	23 00	10	5	..	..	6	..	62	.....
180	Pilgrim,.....	D. Weaver,.....	Hesperian,...	12 50	7	1	..	..	1	1	34	.....
181	Orangeville,.....	W. T. Dodge,.....	Orangeville,...	26 75	18	8	1	..	6	..	36	.....
182	Lovel Moore,.....	Joseph Ireland,...	Muskegon,...	23 50	15	1	..	1	..	..	47	.....
183	Parma,.....	R. Landon,.....	Parma,.....	31 75	19	1	..	7	..	..	66	.....
184	Palmyra,.....	W. G. Smith,.....	Palmyra,.....	24 00	14	..	..	..	..	..	35	.....
185	Pleasant Lake,.....	H. B. Hawley,...	Bunker Hill,...	16 00	9	2	..	..	4	..	29	.....
186	Northville,.....	F. R. Beal,.....	Northville,...	20 00	6	1	..	..	4	1	53	.....
187	Richmond,.....	O. S. Burgess,...	Richmond,...	15 25	5	1	..	..	8	..	42	.....
188	St. Louis,.....	O. A. Evertsen,...	St. Louis,...	16 75	9	6	1	..	1	..	41	.....
189	Adams,.....	N. G. Vreeland,...	N. Adams,...	16 75	6	2	..	..	2	..	52	.....
190	Portsmouth,.....	George Lewis,...	Portsmouth,...	21 50	14	1	..	..	11	..	38	.....

191	Unity,	George Lander, ..	Holland,	10	25	4	2	..	..	8	..	26
192	Summit,	N. Hamilton, ..	Buchanan, ..	19	50	7	2	..	..	8	..	41
193	Dutcher,	Thos. B. Dutcher, ..	Douglass, ..	29	75	20	..	..	..	33	1	50
194	Chesaning,	J. J. Ausin,	Chesaning, ..	20	75	13	2	1	..	11	..	31
195	Delta,	H. H. Hunt,	Escunaba, ..	24	75	18	1	..	11	..	..	48
196	Grattan,	Geo. D. Wood, ..	Grattan C'tre,	32	75	19	1	..	..	11	..	50
197	Winfield,	G. Hutchins, ..	Winfield, ..	15	00	9	..	1	..	9	..	28
198	Montague,	Geo. E. Dowling, ..	Montague, ..	23	25	14	1	..	..	12	..	42
199	Alpena,	W. P. Maiden, ..	Alpena, ..	30	50	17	..	1	..	16	..	49
200	Oceana,	I. Boynton, ..	Penitwater, ..	45	50	29	2	..	..	20	2	49
201	Algonac,	D. G. Jones, ..	Algonac, ..	23	00	17	..	..	..	8	..	26
202	Negaunee,	P. B. Kirkwood, ..	Negaunee, ..	22	25	19	..	..	..	19	1	38
203	Palo,	W. H. Freeman, ..	Palo,	13	50	7	..	..	..	8	..	28
204	Coffinbury,	Josiah G. Miller, ..	Bangor,	18	50	11	1	..	..	12	..	28
205	Vienna,	J. Van Buskirk, ..	Clio,	27	00	19	..	..	..	22	..	33
206	Park,	S. B. Bickford, ..	Parkville, ..	33	50	24	..	..	..	5	..	..
207	Bedford,	Charles Austin, ..	Bedford, ..	33	50	25	..	..	..	12	..	34
208	Brady,	John W. Baker, ..	Brady,	41	25	28	2	..	..	35	..	50
209	Liberty,	H. C. Kimball, ..	Liberty,	18	50	12	..	..	..	5	..	34
210	Hadley,	Lucius Fitch, ..	Hadley,	16	25	13	1	..	..	8	..	29
211	Hardland,	O. B. Chambers, ..	Hardland, ..	19	75	14	1	..	..	2	..	29
212	Leslie,	L. C. Rice,	Leslie,	25	00	15	1	..	..	8	..	25
213	Cedar Springs, ..	C. S. Ford,	Cedar Springs, ..	32	25	27	4	..	..	15	..	44
214	Peninsula,	E. O. Adams,	Dowagiac, ..	19	25	13	1	..	..	..	..	29
215	Cato,	John Tennant, ..	Cato,	11	25	7	..	..	..	9	..	25
216	Lawton,	H. P. Jackson, ..	Lawton,	20	00	12	1	..	..	14	..	34
217	Richland,	D. L. Johnson, ..	Richland, ..	22	50	13	2	..	..	5	..	42
218	Houghton,	Thos. N. Lee, Jr., ..	Houghton, ..	35	00	17	2	..	..	13	..	66
219	Cass,	C. B. Cottrell, ..	Pt. Austin, ..	15	25	11	5	..	19
220	Athens,	T. H. Tracy, ..	Athens,	12	00	6	7	..	32

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No.	LODGE.	W. MASTERS.	ADDRESS.	Am't Dues.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. members.	REMARKS.
221	Bloomington,	Samuel Holmes,	Lake Mills,	16 25	18	..	..	..	2	1	48	..... \$50 for Charter.
222	Traverse City,	Chas. W. Day,	Traverse City	24 00	18	..	..	..	5	..	34	50 for Charter.
223	Flushing,	M. N. Park,	Flushing,	20 00	13	..	..	..	..	..	89	50 for Charter.
224	James Fenton,	Geo. W. Pease,	Wayland,	44 00	84	..	..	..	26	..	81	50 for Charter.
225	Augusta,	O. R. Smith,	Augusta,	21 00	15	..	..	..	6	..	29	50 for Charter.
226	Mt. Moriah,	J. J. Wilder,	Tuscola C'tre,	22 75	19	..	..	..	8	..	14	50 for Charter.
227	Volinia,	John Struble,	Volinia,	7 00	4	..	..	..	2	..	27	50 for Charter.
228	Manistee,	Wm. Dinwoodie,	Manistee,	36 50	81	..	..	..	8	..	26	50 for Charter.
229	Lisbon,	Chas. E. Koon,	Lisbon,	23 00	10	2	..	..	14	..	20	50 for Charter.
230	Laingsburg,	E. B. Ward,	Laingsburg,	11 50	12	..	..	..	4	..	11	..... 50 for Charter.
231	Middleville,	Elias Sias,	Elm Hill,	2 75	1	..	..	..	4	..	24	50 for Charter.
232	Vermontville,	Henry Cogshall,	Sparta Centre	20 25	15	1	..	..	8	..	26	50 for Charter.
233	Salathiel,	S. W. Duncourt,	Vermontville,	20 00	17	..	..	..	5	..	10	50 for Charter.
234	Au Sable,	H. W. Dalley,	Centerville,	6 25	8	..	..	..	..	..	16	50 for Charter.
235	Spring Lake,	James W. Rogers,	Au Sable,	7 25	14	..	..	..	5	..	17	50 for Charter.
236	Plainwell,	G. C. Graham,	Spring Lake,	8 75	6	..	..	..	..	..	18	50 for Charter.
237	Goodrich,	Mark Willis,	Plainwell,	9 00	7	..	..	..	1	..	17	50 for Charter.
238	Sanilac,	T. W. Lusk,	Goodrich,	10 25	7	..	..	..	..	..	14	50 for Charter.
239	Three Oaks,	H. Chamberlin,	Sanilac,	2 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	50 for Charter.
240	Oriental,	E. R. Landon,	Ellettsville, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	50 for Charter.
241	Corinthian,	J. H. Cranston,	Three Oaks,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	100 for Charter.
			Detroit, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	100 for Charter.
			St. Johns, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	100 for Charter.

242	Alma,.....	Thos. Bean,.....	Alma,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	50 for Disp.
...	Keweenaw, ...	W. P. Spalding,...	Eagle Harbor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	100 for Charter.
...	Camden,.....	J. J. Young,.....	Camden,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	50 for Disp.
...	Rockford,.....	Wm. Powell,....	Rockford,....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	50 for Disp.
				\$6763 88	2656	786	48	126	606	130	16861	
				\$950 00								
	19 Charters, as above, at \$50,.....			300 00								
	3 Charters, as above, at \$100,			150 00								
	3 Dispensations at \$50,.....			5 00								
	10 Grand Lodge Certificates at 50 cents,.....			1 80								
	6 Blue Books at 30 cents,.....			147 98								
	Balance of Grand Secretary's account,.....											
	Paid Grand Treasurer,.....			\$8317 56								

LIST OF GRAND LODGES,

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WITH
THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATES.	SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	William D. Blocher, . .	Little Rock.
California,	Alexander G. Abell, . .	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thomas B. Harris, . . .	Hamilton, O.
Connecticut,	John W. Paul,	Waterbury.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Central City.
Delaware,	J. P. Allmond,	Wilmington.
District of Columbia, .	Noble D. Larner,	Washington.
Florida,	Hugh A. Corley,	Tallahassee.
Georgia,	Simri Rose,	Macon.
Illinois,	Harman G. Reynolds, . .	Springfield.
Indiana,	William Hacker,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	T. S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle, . . .	Greensburg.
Kansas,	E. T. Carr,	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana,	Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D.,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy, . . .	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Charles W. Moore, . . .	Boston.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley, . . .	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	D. P. Porter,	Jackson.
Minnesota,	W. S. Combs,	St. Paul.
New Hampshire,	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough, . . .	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin, D. D.,	New York.
North Carolina,	D. W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nebraska,	J. N. Wise,	Plattsmouth.
Nevada,	W. A. M. Van Bokkelen,	Virginia City.
Nova Scotia,	Chas. J. McDonald, . . .	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	J. E. Hurford,	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania,	John Thompson,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Charles D. Greene, . . .	Providence.
South Carolina,	R. S. Bruns,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	Charles A. Fuller,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringhurst, . .	Houston.
Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Richmond.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Poultney.
Wisconsin,	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory, .	William H. Wood,	Steilacoom, W. T.
West Virginia,	Thos. H. Logan,	Wheeling.
France,	Au Grand Orient d'France	Rue Cadet, No. 16, Paris.

PAY ROLL—Session 1868, at Detroit.

No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	By whom received.
1	Zion,.....	...	....	\$9 00	\$9 00	T. McGregor.
2	Detroit,.....	...	....	9 00	9 00	W. F. Moore.
3	Union, of S. O.,...	...	....	9 00	9 00	J. B. Bampton.
4	St. Jos. Valley,..	191	\$19 10	9 00	28 10	E. Fleazel.
5	Rochester,.....	25	2 50	9 00	11 50	J. V. Lambertson.
6	Mt. Clemens,....	24	2 40	9 00	11 40	C. Farrar.
7	Washington,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	A. D. Eldred.
8	Trenton,	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	J. Chase.
9	Evergreen,	56	5 60	9 00	14 60	D. D. Odell.
10	Dowagiac,.....	178	17 80	9 00	26 80	L. S. Henderson.
11	Pine Grove,....	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	E. W. Harris.
12	Battle Creek,....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	C. F. Bock.
13	Phoenix,	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	A. Guild.
14	Murat,	97	9 70	9 00	18 70	W. V. Morrison.
16	Lafayette,	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	E. J. Hodges.
17	Jackson,	77	7 70	9 00	16 70	P. R. Lovell.
18	Tyre,	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	D. Bovee.
19	Adrian,	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	J. W. Finch.
20	St. Albans,.....	107	10 70	9 00	19 70	A. F. Bull.
21	Pontiac,	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	M. Walters.
22	Kalamazoo,	143	14 30	9 00	23 30	O. F. Blood.
23	Flint,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	S. C. Randall.
24	Mt. Hermon,....	180	....	....	16 50	L. A. Clapp.
25	Paw Paw,	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	H. L. Egglestone.
26	Maxon,	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	A. J. Skutt.
27	Monroe,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	A. I. Sawyer.
28	Union,	149	14 90	9 00	23 90	A. B. Aiden.
29	Humanity,	107	10 70	9 00	19 70	F. Mead.
30	Concord,	96	9 60	9 00	18 60	A. W. Reynolds.
31	Portland,	136	13 60	9 00	22 60	Geo. Hill, Jr.
32	Fidelity,	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	J. T. Hayden.
33	Lansing,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	B. F. Buck.
34	Grand River,....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	L. H. Randall.
35	Siloam,	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	E. E. Wilson.
36	Homer,	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	J. B. Hutchins.
37	Lyons,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	D. C. Spalding.
38	Howell,	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	A. Buck.
39	Western Star,....	200	....	....	17 25	E. A. Brown.
40	Franklin,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	P. Comstock.
41	Romeo,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	J. H. Boden.
44	Birmingham,....	19	1 90	9 00	10 90	E. W. Reynolds.
46	Orion,	37	3 70	9 00	12 70	W. E. Littell.
47	Plymouth Rock,.	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	W. E. Smith.
48	Austin,	46	4 60	9 00	13 60	H. Wright.
49	Meridian Sun,...	165	16 50	9 00	25 50	C. Jacobs.
50	Michigan,	77	7 70	9 00	16 70	D. W. Shaw.

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No.	Locals.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diam.	Total.	By whom received.
51	Almont,.....	60	\$6 00	\$9 00	\$15 00	D. W. Hallock.
52	Hastings,.....	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	W. S. Goodyear.
54	Lapeer,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	W. W. Stickney.
55	Backus,.....	188	18 80	9 00	27 80	S. S. Chapman.
56	Occidental,.....	216	21 60	9 00	30 60	Joseph Gard.
57	Three Rivers,....	186	18 60	9 00	27 60	T. G. Green.
58	Port Huron,....	60	6 00	9 00	15 50	J. L. Newell.
59	Climax,.....	132	....	....	15 50	Moses Hodgman.
60	Cedar,.....	35	3 50	9 00	12 50	J. T. Peter.
61	Lexington,.....	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	N. Wolfel.
62	S. Ward,.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	W. H. Pringle.
63	Eaton Rapids,...	102	10 20	9 00	19 20	G. B. Hamlin.
64	Macomb,.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	H. Bennett.
65	Washtenaw,....	47	4 70	9 00	13 70	A. D. Crane.
66	Capitol of S. O.,..	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	A. Blair.
67	Ontonagon,.....	...	....	....	....	.....
68	Buchanan,.....	197	19 70	9 00	28 70	W. S. Merrill.
69	Tecumseh,.....	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	D. C. Larned.
70	Mason,.....	115	....	....	21 00	J. H. Sayres.
73	Colon,.....	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	W. E. Green.
74	Dundee,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	H. Watling.
75	Utica,.....	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	P. A. Knight.
76	Livingston,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	M. F. Darrow.
77	Saginaw,.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	G. C. Warner.
78	Otsego,.....	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	E. M. Allen.
79	Germania,.....	...	....	....	....	.....
80	Byron,.....	65	....	....	14 75	Warren Clough.
81	Owosso,.....	95	8 50	9 00	17 50	B. Williams.
82	Lake St. Clair,...	34	3 40	9 00	12 40	Wm. Randall.
83	Bellevue,.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	M. S. Brackett.
84	Oxford,.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	R. Crandall.
85	Ann Arbor,.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	S. G. Taylor.
86	Valley City,....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	W. K. Wheeler.
88	Butler,.....	...	....	....	....	.....
89	Myrtle,.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	J. C. Merrill.
90	Lowell,.....	148	14 80	9 00	23 80	E. R. Crow.
91	Ashlar,.....	...	....	....	9 00	R. Rowland.
92	Prairie,.....	134	13 40	9 00	22 40	M. W. Alford.
93	Star,.....	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	W. Thompson.
94	Charity,.....	...	....	9 00	9 00	D. B. Nichols.
95	J. Moors,.....	95	9 50	9 00	18 50	F. N. Butler.
96	Greenville,.....	167	16 70	9 00	25 70	Wm. Marted.
97	Niles,.....	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	C. L. Allen.
98	Waterford,.....	33	3 30	9 00	12 30	F. W. Fifield.
99	Decatur,.....	166	16 70	9 00	25 70	M. Wenner.
100	Oakwood,.....	42	4 20	9 00	13 20	G. D. Cowden.
101	Marquette,.....	...	....	....	20 50	C. H. Brown.
102	Blanchard,.....	57	5 70	9 00	14 70	J. J. Russell.
103	Greenley,.....	73	7 20	9 00	16 20	Fred. Hart.
104	White Pigeon,...	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	R. A. Green.

PAY ROLL—(Continued.)

No.	Lodges.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	By whom received.
105	St. Johns,.....	100	\$10 00	\$9 00	\$19 00	R. McFarland.
106	St. Peters,.....	200	....	....	17 25	J. B. Thomas.
107	Eureka,.....	41	4 10	9 00	13 10	Geo. R. Hurd.
108	Rockland,.....	....	....	....	9 00	J. Burtenshaw.
109	Fentonville,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	A. Reynolds.
110	Hiram,.....	31	3 10	9 00	12 10	W. H. Lawrence.
111	Allegan,.....	168	16 80	9 00	25 80	W. J. Pollard.
112	Wayne,.....	18	1 80	9 00	10 80	C. T. Barnard.
113	Hamilton,.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	S. W. Perry.
114	Blissfield,.....	82	8 20	9 00	17 20	J. B. Clement.
115	Corunna,.....	87	8 70	9 00	17 70	S. Pettibone.
116	Excelsior,.....	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	S. Bunker.
117	Reading,.....	128	12 80	9 00	21 80	A. B. Strong.
118	Schoolcraft,.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	D. Duncan, Jr.
119	Rising Sun,.....	180	....	....	23 25	D. D. Briggs.
120	Charlotte,.....	137	13 70	9 00	23 70	E. S. Lacey.
121	Commerce,.....	37	3 70	9 00	12 70	T. A. Smith.
122	Ottawa,.....	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	Thos. Lowe.
123	Ithica,.....	120	....	....	10 75	Nathan Church.
124	Eagle,.....	147	14 70	9 00	23 70	A. Boardman.
125	Fairfield,.....	78	7 80	9 00	16 80	N. Gleason.
126	Forest,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	Chas. Hebden.
127	Ovid,.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	W. H. Faxon.
128	Ypsilanti,.....	80	8 00	9 00	12 00	W. Babcock.
129	Bay City,.....	115	11 50	9 00	20 50	C. P. Nash.
130	Stockbridge,.....	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	H. Gregory.
131	Newaygo,.....	200	....	....	18 75	A. H. Giddings.
132	Linden,.....	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	J. B. Hyatt.
133	Saline,.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	L. H. Reynolds.
134	Holly,.....	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	B. Cogshall.
135	Quincy,.....	....	....	9 00	9 00	P. B. Austin.
136	Pokagon,.....	184	....	....	16 75	J. E. Garwood.
137	Mendon,.....	180	....	....	22 25	C. A. Palmer.
138	Port Hope,.....	131	13 10	9 00	23 10	A. J. Mathewson.
139	Grand Haven,...	189	....	....	25 00	J. H. Sanford.
140	Muskegon,.....	204	20 40	9 00	29 40	B. L. Piper.
141	Mythic,.....	140	14 00	9 00	23 00	Milo Clark.
142	Memphis,.....	52	5 20	9 00	14 20	L. G. Sperry.
143	Harmony,.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	W. S. Hathaway.
144	Russell,.....	60	....	....	13 40	G. Kirkland.
145	Maple Rapids,...	114	11 40	9 00	20 40	C. C. Taylor.
146	Boston,.....	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	Elijah Pratt.
147	Warren,.....	92	9 10	9 00	18 10	E. A. Gay.
148	Manchester,...	97	9 70	9 00	18 70	Albert Case.
149	United,.....	150	....	....	21 50	E. H. Glenn.
150	Dryden,.....	66	6 60	9 00	15 60	Miner Fuller.
151	Farmington,....	19	1 90	9 00	10 90	J. H. Smith.
152	Redford,.....	13	1 30	9 00	10 30	J. McKinney.
153	Williamston,....	115	....	....	18 25	J. A. Leasia.
154	Saginaw Valley,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	J. Brosseau.

PAY ROLL — (Continued.)

No.	Locals.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	By whom received.
155	Salina,	108	\$10 80	\$9 00	\$19 80	M. Quackenbush.
156	Olive,	54	5 40	9 00	14 40	O. Thatcher.
157	Addison,	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	Wm. Brown.
158	Star of the Lake,	200	20 00	9 00	29 00	T. W. Merritt.
159	Golden Rule,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	R. J. Price.
160	Dansville,	109	10 00	9 00	19 90	Jos. Keene.
161	North Newburg, ..	75	7 50	9 00	16 50	J. M. Gorham.
162	Coloma,	190	....	....	10 25	Jas. H. Marvin.
163	Cass River,	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	L. C. Davis.
164	Fowlerville,	75	7 50	9 00	16 50	Dennis Conrad.
165	Milford,	44	4 40	9 00	13 40	J. L. Andrews.
166	Mt. Vernon,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	M. Hawley.
167	Tracy,	61	6 10	9 00	15 10	W. C. Sprague.
168	Temple,	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	R. Kimball.
169	Brooklyn,	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	W. S. Culver.
170	Wyandotte,	17	1 70	9 00	10 70	J. S. Van Alstyne.
171	Big Rapids,	230	....	....	24 00	Charlie Gay.
172	Dearborn,	10	1 00	9 00	10 00	J. Travis.
173	Evening Star,	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	A. Kerr.
174	Genesee,	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	J. B. Newton.
175	Clinton,	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	D. Woodard.
176	Hillsdale,	105	....	....	11 75	R. A. Everett.
177	Croton, .....	....	....	....	16 05	A. Truesdale.
178	Tuscan,	108	10 70	9 00	19 70	W. Reynolda.
179	Grand Ledge,	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	G. W. Thomas.
180	Pilgrim,	200	....	....	12 50	D. Weaver.
181	Orangeville,	162	16 20	9 00	25 20	W. T. Dodge.
182	Lovell Moore,	200	....	....	23 50	J. Ireland.
183	Parma,	86	8 60	9 00	17 60	R. Landon.
184	Palmyra,	70	7 00	9 00	16 00	W. G. Smith.
185	Pleasant Lake,	86	8 60	9 00	17 60	H. B. Hawley.
186	Northville,	25	2 50	9 00	11 50	F. R. Beal.
187	Richmond,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	O. S. Burgess.
188	St. Louis,	130	....	....	16 75	O. A. Everden.
189	Adams,	112	....	....	16 75	A. Kenyon.
190	Portsmouth,	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	Geo. Lewis.
191	Unity,	200	....	....	10 25	J. O. Doesburg.
192	Summit,	197	....	....	19 50	N. Hamilton.
193	Dutcher,	193	19 00	9 00	28 30	Thos. B. Dutcher.
194	Chesaning,	95	9 30	9 00	18 50	J. J. Austin.
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196	Grattan,	186	18 60	9 00	27 60	J. Davis.
197	Winfield,	100	15 00	G. Hutchins.
198	Montague,	230	23 25	Geo. E. Dowling.
199	Alpena,	250	....	....	30 50	P. M. Johnson.
200	Occana,	250	25 00	9 00	34 00	J. Boynton.
201	Algonac,	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	D. G. Jones.
202	Negaunee, .....	....	....	....	22 25	P. B. Kirkwood.
203	Palo,	126	....	....	13 50	Ira Winegar.
204	Coffinbury,	200	....	....	18 50	J. G. Miller.

PAY ROLL—(Continued.)

No.	Lodges.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total	By whom received.
205	Vienna,	75	\$7 50	\$9 00	\$16 50	J. Van Buskirk.
206	Park,	190	19 00	9 00	28 00	S. B. Beckford.
207	Bedford,	138	12 80	9 00	21 80	Chas. Austin.
208	Brady,	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	E. G. Demming.
209	Liberty,	92	9 20	9 00	18 20	H. C. Kimball.
210	Hadley,	64	6 40	9 00	15 40	S. Fitch.
211	Hartland,	63	6 20	9 00	15 20	O. B. Chambers.
212	Leslie,	88	8 90	9 00	17 80	H. Grove.
213	Cedar Springs, ..	192	19 20	9 00	28 20	C. S. Ford.
214	Peninsular,	178	....	....	19 25	E. O. Adams.
215	Cato,	117	....	....	11 25	John Tenant.
216	Lawton,	150	20 00	H. P. Jackson.
217	Richland,	153	22 50	Wm. S. Logan.
218	Houghton,	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	D. C. Jacocks.
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220	Athens,	12 00	T. H. Tracy.
221	Bloomington, ..	176	16 25	S. Holmes.
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225	Augusta,	180	18 00	9 00	23 00	O. R. Smith.
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235	Plainwell,	155	8 75	J. V. Rogers. ✓
U. D.	Laingsburg,	17 50	E. B. Ward.
U. D.	Vermontville, ...	140	20 00	H. G. Barber.
U. D.	Lisbon, .....	....	....	....	23 00	C. E. Koon.
U. D.	Middleville, ....	....	....	....	20 25	Henry Cogshall.
U. D.	James Fenton, ...	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	Geo. W. Pease.
U. D.	An Sable, .....	....	....	....	15 75	J. W. Dalley.
U. D.	Goodrich,	65	....	....	9 00	G. C. Graham.
U. D.	Mt. Moriah,	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	S. R. Cross.
U. D.	Sanilac, .....	....	....	....	10 25	M. Miller.
U. D.	Flushing,	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	A. E. Perry.
U. D.	Volonia, .....	....	....	....	7 00	J. Struble.
U. D.	Salathiel, .....	....	....	....	6 25	S. W. Duncomb.
Total, .....		....	....	....	4018 05	

PAY ROLL.

Grand Officers, Session July 4, 1867, at Detroit.

GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	Paid to.
M. W. Grand Master, ...	170	\$17 00	3 00	\$20 00	S. C. Coffinbury
Deputy Grand Master, ...	143	14 30	3 00	17 30	A. T. Metcalf
Grand Senior Warden, ...	20	2 00	3 00	5 00	A. Partridge.
Grand Junior Warden, ...	46	4 60	3 00	7 60	D. A. Wright.
Grand Treasurer,	191	19 10	3 00	22 10	R. W. Landon.
Grand Secretary, .....	...	....	3 00	3 00	J. Fenton.
Grand Senior Deacon, ...	126	12 60	3 00	15 60	P. B. Haight.
Grand Junior Deacon, ...	...	....	3 00	3 00	E. R. Landon.
Grand Chaplain,	40	4 00	3 00	7 00	G. Taylor.
Grand V. and Lecturer, .	40	4 00	3 00	7 00	S. Blanchard.
Grand Pursuivant,	115	11 50	3 00	14 50	C. P. Nash.
Grand Sword Bearer, ...	95	9 50	3 00	12 50	J. J. Austin.
Grand Architect, .....	...	....	3 00	3 00	J. W. Gilbert.
Total, .....	...	....	...	\$187 60	

PAY ROLL.

Grand Officers, Session January 8, 1868 at Detroit.

GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	Paid to
M. W. Grand Master,...	170	\$17 00	9 00	\$26 00	S. C. Coffinbury
Deputy Grand Master,..	143	14 30	9 00	23 30	A. T. Metcalf.
Grand Senior Warden,..	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	A. Partridge.
Grand Junior Warden,..	46	4 60	9 00	13 60	D. A. Wright.
Grand Treasurer,.....	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	R. W. Landon.
Grand Secretary,.....	...	....	9 00	9 00	Jas. Fenton.
Grand Senior Deacon,..	...	....	9 00	9 00	E. R. Landon.
Grand Junior Deacon,..	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	P. B. Haight.
Grand Chaplain,.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	Geo. Taylor.
Grand Pursuivant,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	N. Manley.
Grand Marshal,.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	D. R. Stroul.
Grand V. and Lecturer,.	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	S. Blanchard.
Grand Architect,.....	...	....	9 00	9 00	J. W. Gilbert.
Grand Tyler,.....	...	....	...	75 00	W. V. Griffith.
Past Grand Master,.....	60	6 00	6 00	12 00	W. M. Fenton.
Past Grand Master,.....	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	G. C. Monroe.
Past Grand Master.....	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	W. T. Mitchell.
Past Grand Master,.....	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	F. Darrow.
Past Grand Master,.....	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	J. E. Johnson.
Total,.....	...	....	...	\$375 40	

STANDING ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

1. *Resolved*, That no presiding officer in any Subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is entitled to wear any other regalia, except that of a Master Mason; and any attempt to introduce any other is an innovation upon the long established usages of Masonry, and one that cannot receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge, and is hereafter expressly prohibited.

2. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any Master Mason in good standing, within the accredited jurisdiction of any Subordinate Lodge, and not a member thereof, or of any other Lodge, or been rejected by any other Lodge, may become a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, if the Lodge applied to shall see proper to receive him.

3. *Resolved*, That the W. M., or Representative of each Subordinate Lodge which shall be represented in this Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers for the time being, and Past Grand Master in attendance, be allowed ten cents per mile for traveling fees, computing one way only by the most usually traveled route; and three dollars per day for the time he shall actually attend the sitting of the Grand Lodge, not to be paid until the close of the communication.

Provided, That no Representative shall be paid a greater amount than the Lodge he represents shall have paid into the funds of the Grand Lodge, for the current year, for dues. And provided, also, that no Representative be paid as the Representative of more than one Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That it is necessary for a Master Mason, when elected to preside over a Lodge, before entering upon the duties of his office, to receive a proper qualification, and that qualification shall be to bind him faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of

a Master of a Lodge together with the ancient charges and regulations, as laid down in Webb's Free Mason's Monitor, as compiled by R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, and nothing more; and that any present or past Master, who has received the aforesaid qualifications, be authorized to perform the said ceremony when requested.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend to the M. W. Grand Master, that no new Lodge be hereafter organized within the distance of ten miles of any other Lodge now at work within this jurisdiction, unless for special causes shown.

6. *Resolved*, That every brother ought to be a member of some Lodge.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, to collect, by legal proceedings or otherwise, any debt due the Grand Lodge, whenever in his opinion, the interest of the Grand Lodge shall require such action.

8. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not grant a Charter to a new Lodge, unless the petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the M. W. Grand Master, or the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer, showing that the three first officers thereof are competent and duly qualified to perform the work required of them respectively, and that they are conversant with the ancient charges and landmarks, and not without satisfactory evidence that they have or can secure a suitable place for holding meetings.

9. *Resolved*, That the following Masonic clothing and insignia be established as the standard in this jurisdiction; and that all Lodges and Brethren, hereafter procuring new clothing, be recommended to have the same made in conformity with the following description, to wit:

JEWELS. The Jewels of officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as of Subordinate Lodges, shall be the same as are now in use, of a pattern to be found in the Grand Secretary's office.

COLLARS. Of officers of Subordinate Lodges, to be of light blue ribbon or velvet, four inches broad.

The collar of the Grand Master shall be of purple, four inches broad, with narrow edge of gold lace, embroidered with acacia and pomegranate on the outside, and ornamented in the center with pomegranate embroidered in gold.

Other Grand Officers, present and past, wear collars of purple ribbon, four inches broad, with narrow edging of gold lace cord.

APRONS. ENTERED APPRENTICE.—A plain white lamb skin or linen, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings, with a flap or fall to be triangular in shape.

FELLOW CRAFT.—The same, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

MASTER MASON.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one-and-a-half-inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office, in silver or white, in the centre of the apron.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, PRESENT AND PAST.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with purple, and ornamented with gold and blue strings; they must have the emblems of their office, in gold or blue, in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold or embroidery, in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun, embroidered in gold, in the centre; on the edging, the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges to wear, in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon or silver, half an inch broad, and, if ribbon, of the same color of the lining and edging of the apron. If Grand Officers, similar emblems, of Garter-blue or gold.

10. *Resolved*, That it is the right of all Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to admit or reject visiting Brethren, as they, in their discretion, may deem best.

11. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is incompetent to restore a Charter after it has been legally surrendered.

12. *Resolved*, That all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, located on the line of States, be and they are hereby *directed* not to initiate any person who lives in any other State, without first obtaining the consent of the M. W. Grand Master of such State, and also of the W. M. of the Subordinate Lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides.

13. *Resolved*, That the Master or Wardens of a Lodge, in case of permanent removal from the jurisdiction, are entitled to a demit, under like restrictions as other members of their Lodge.

14. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the M. W. Grand Master should not communicate official information in reply to letters from a Lodge, its officers or committees, not Mason-

ically known to him, unless such letters are authenticated by the seal of the Lodge.

15. *Resolved*, That the infliction of fines, as a penalty upon refractory committees or Brothers, is inconsistent with ancient Masonic rules and usages.

16. *Resolved*, That in Masonry the accuser of a Brother Mason must be a Master Mason in good standing, who need not be sworn. The complaint or testimony of persons not Masons may be taken before the examining committee, on oath or otherwise, as the Lodge shall direct; but the testimony of witnesses not Masons should be taken before a committee, and not in open Lodge.

17. *Resolved*, That no appeal from a Subordinate Lodge shall be entertained by the Grand Lodge, except upon proof that notice of said appeal has been given to the Subordinate Lodge in writing, within ninety days after the appellant shall have received official notice of such decision; and such appeal shall be prosecuted at the first regular Communication of the Grand Lodge after the time above limited shall have expired.

18. *Resolved*, That petitions for membership may be received and acted upon, but the applicant shall not be admitted to membership until he produces his demit, or in case of a defunct Lodge, proper evidence of membership from the Grand Lodge under which the same was held. Where regular proofs cannot be obtained, such cases come within the prerogative of the Grand Master, who may dispense therewith on proper showing, to his entire satisfaction.

19. *Resolved*, That neither three of the Masonic penalties should be inflicted upon a Brother without charges, specifications, notice and trial in due Masonic form.

20. *Resolved*, That all Lodges within this jurisdiction are enjoined and prohibited from encouraging, promoting or permitting the delivery or teaching any Masonic lectures or work which are not sanctioned and authorized by this Grand Lodge in accordance with its Constitution; and all Brothers within this jurisdiction are prohibited from delivering or teaching such lectures to Lodges in this State.

21. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of a Master of a Lodge to suspend the advancement of a candidate at any stage of his advancement, when it shall come to his knowledge that such candidate is either unworthy of receiving, or ineligible to receive Masonic light, regardless of the source or channel of such knowledge.

22. *Resolved*, That all newly chartered Lodges may hold their first election for officers at any regular Communication within two months after the date of their Charter.

23. Charges having been preferred and the Committee having reported, can the accused be expelled at any but a regular Communication?

Action on the charges must be commenced at a regular Communication, and may be continued from time to time and had at special Communications, convened for that purpose, by vote at such regular, or notice to all the members of the Lodge within the jurisdiction.

24. It is competent to provide by the By-Laws for quarterly or annual dues, and to vote an assessment not provided for therein in cases of emergency, for relief of distressed Brothers and other objects of Masonic charity, and for the necessary expenses of the Lodge.

25. *Resolved*, That no Lodge shall receive any petition for initiation, unless the applicant state in the petition whether he has ever applied for initiation to any other Lodge, and if such application has been made, shall state the time or times when, and the Lodge or Lodges to which such application has been made; and in case such statements are found to be false, it shall be good cause for expulsion from the Order.

26. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge require all Committees to whom petitions may be referred, to make a full written report, as to the character, standing and antecedents of the candidate, as well as the jurisdiction to which he may rightfully belong.

And that said report be not written upon the petition itself, but upon a separate paper, signed by at least a majority of the Committee, which report shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge.

27. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the W. M. of every Subordinate Lodge to cause the said Constitution and Standing Orders of this Grand Lodge to be read in their respective Lodges, at least once in three months.

28. *Resolved*, That copies of the Constitution may be sold at thirty cents per copy to any Brother desiring to possess one.

29. *Resolved*, That all resolutions, orders and edicts of this Grand Lodge conflicting with the foregoing, be, and they are hereby rescinded.

30. *Resolved*, That a candidate for advancement has the right to apply at every regular Communication of the Lodge, unless charges have been preferred against him.

31. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that pursuant to Section 2, of Article I, of the Constitution, all Past Masters of Subordinate Lodges, who are in good standing, are entitled to all

the rights of membership in this Grand Lodge, except the right to vote.

82. *Resolved*, That any and every Lodge that shall not make the required return, and pay over its Grand Lodge dues on or before the first day of January, in any year, shall not be represented in the Grand Lodge for that year, except on special permission of the Grand Lodge.

83. *Resolved*, That the Lodges with their returns shall send to the Grand Secretary the name of any Representative who may be elected, and the Grand Secretary shall make out a list or roll of Representatives from such returns, and if upon calling the roll a quorum of Representatives appear to be present, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to business without further delay.

84. *Resolved*, That accusations or charges against members of Lodge, or against Subordinate Lodges, can not be received from non-affiliated Masons, except in case of charges against a member of a Lodge by leave granted by a vote of such Lodge, and in case of charges against a Subordinate Lodge, by leave of the Grand Lodge.

85. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to have a sufficient number of copies of the Burial Service printed in the same form as the Constitution, and that they be supplied to Lodges and members at the cost of publication, and that R. W. Bro. James Fenton be requested to insert the Ritual in his forthcoming new edition of Webb's *Monitor*.

86. *Resolved*, That all members in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby interdicted and prohibited from forming incorporate bodies under the laws of this State.

List of Grand Officers for the Year 1868.

NAME AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS

M. W. S. C. COFFINBURY, Constantine, . . .	Grand Master.
M. W. A. T. METCALF, Kalamazoo, . . .	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. THOMAS U. FLANNER, M. D., Hancock, . . .	Dist. Dep. Grand Master for Upper Peninsula
R. W. A. PARTRIDGE, Birmingham, . . .	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. E. R. LANDON, Detroit, . . .	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. RUFUS W. LANDON, Niles, . . .	Grand Treasurer
R. W. JAMES FENTON, Detroit, . . .	Grand Secretary.
R. W. S. BLANCHARD, Tecumseh, . . .	Grand Visitor and Lect.
M. Rev. I. BOYNTON, Pentwater, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. J. B. BAMPTON, Detroit, . . .	Senior Grand Deacon
W. WARREN GREEN, Colon, . . .	Junior Grand Deacon
W. JAS. W. GILBERT, Detroit, . . .	Grand Architect
D. R. STROUD, Hudson, . . .	Grand Organist
GEO. R. HURD, Monroe, . . .	Grand Sword Bearer
JOHN L. NEWELL, Port Huron, . . .	Grand Pursuivant
W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit, . . .	Grand Steward and Teller

*** The next ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the Second Monday (13th) in January, 1869, at the City of Detroit.*

Address of Grand Secretary:

JAMES FENTON,
34 Macomb Street, Detroit

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TRIMBLE AND PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,
1882.



GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Report of Committee on New Masonic Temple.

JANUARY 15, 1899.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the erection of a Masonic Temple, respectfully report :

That they have examined various localities suitable for a site for a Temple; but, owing to their limited powers, they have been unable to obtain satisfactory proposals, but think a suitable lot can be purchased at a reasonable price. As it is necessary that plans should be made to conform to the lot, they have deemed it unwise to incur the expense of procuring such plans, until a lot has been purchased.

In their judgment, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars will be required to purchase a site and erect a Temple, suited to the dignity and honor of our Order.

They would respectfully recommend that stock scrip should be issued for this amount, entitling the holder to a pro-rata of all incomes accruing from the building; and they believe that with a good selection of a lot, and proper management in constructing, *this* can be made a remunerative stock.

They do not approve any plan that will encumber the Temple with debt. In their judgment, such a course would be injudicious, and have a tendency to injure the prosperity and mar the harmony of our Order.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that a direct assessment be made upon the Lodges, of one dollar per annum for each member, to be paid out of the Lodge fund. This assessment to continue for the period of five years, and on the completion of the Temple that stock scrip be issued to the Lodges so assessed and paid. This stock to be subject to purchase by the Grand Lodge whenever they shall deem it advisable to do so, and not transferable without its consent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. I. MILLS,
JNO. P. FISKE,
NICHOL MITCHELL,
JOSEPH GODFREY,
R. W. LANDON,
GEO. C. MUNRO,

Committee.

Extract from the minutes.

ATTEST :

JAMES FENTON,
Grand Secretary.

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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS convened, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and the resolution of the last Session, at Masonic Hall in the City of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (13th), A. L. 5869.

PRESENT:

M. W. S. C. COFFINBURY,	GRAND MASTER.
✓ M. W. A. T. METCALF,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
R. W. A. PARTRIDGE,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
R. W. E. R. LANDON,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
R. W. RUFUS W. LANDON,	GRAND TREASURER.
R. W. JAMES FENTON,	GRAND SECRETARY.
R. W. S. BLANCHARD,	GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER.
M. REV. I. BOYNTON,	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
W. J. B. BAMPTON,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
W. WARREN GREEN,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
W. JAS. W. GILBERT,	GRAND ARCHITECT.
D. R. STROUD,	GRAND MARSHALL.
GEO. R. HURD,	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
JOHN L. NEWELL,	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
W. V. GRIFFITH,	GRAND STEWARD AND TYLER.

At High Twelve the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up the Rev. I. Boynton, M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers D. R. Stroud, W. S. Edwards and A. D. Crane, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit:

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

GEORGE C. MONROE,
FRANK DARROW,

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON.
WILLIAM T. MITCHELL. ✓

REPRESENTATIVES.

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| 1. <i>Zion</i> —Andrew J. Brow. ✓ | 27. <i>Monroe</i> —A. I. Sawyer. |
| 2. <i>Detroit</i> —John Strachan. | 28. <i>Union</i> —A. V. Aiken. |
| 3. <i>Union of S. O.</i> —J. B. Bampton. | 29. <i>Humanity</i> —Chas. Doolittle. |
| 4. <i>St. Joseph Valley</i> —J. B. Fitzgerald. | 30. <i>Concord</i> —A. W. Reynolds. |
| 5. <i>Rochester</i> —J. V. Lambertson. | 31. <i>Portland</i> —George Hill. |
| 6. <i>Mt. Clemens</i> —J. W. Robertson. | 32. <i>Fidelity</i> —Thos. S. Edwards. |
| 7. <i>Washington</i> —Chas. F. Aldrich. | 33. <i>Lansing</i> —B. F. Buck. |
| 8. <i>Trenton</i> —T. G. Limbocker. | 34. <i>Grand River</i> —C. H. Johnson. |
| 9. <i>Evergreen</i> —Jos. Stitts. | 35. <i>Siloam</i> —David E. Wilson. |
| 10. <i>Dowagiac</i> —L. S. Henderson. | 36. <i>Ionia</i> —John S. Bennett. |
| 11. <i>Pine Grove</i> —Isaac Thorne. | 37. <i>Lyons</i> —Freeman Roberts, Jr. |
| 12. <i>Battle Creek</i> —L. L. Livingston. | 38. <i>Howell</i> —W. C. Rumsey. |
| 13. <i>Phoenix</i> —C. N. Webb. | 39. <i>Western Star</i> —Edward Hall. |
| 14. <i>Murat</i> —F. W. Sheldon. | 40. <i>Franklin</i> —J. E. White. |
| 16. <i>Lafayette</i> —C. L. Spaulding. | 41. <i>Romeo</i> —Isaac Crawford. |
| 17. <i>Jackson</i> —Peter R. Lovell. | 44. <i>Birmingham</i> —E. W. Reynolds. |
| 18. <i>Tyre</i> —D. Bovee. | 46. <i>Orion</i> —Esle R. Redfield. |
| 19. <i>Adrian</i> —O. F. Gregory. | 47. <i>Plymouth Rock</i> —W. E. Smith. |
| 20. <i>St. Albans</i> —Albert F. Bull. | 48. <i>Austin</i> —Horatio Wright. |
| 21. <i>Pontiac</i> —H. M. Look. | 49. <i>Meridian Sun</i> —S. Valentine. |
| 22. <i>Kalamazoo</i> —O. T. Blood. | 50. <i>Michigan</i> —John L. Mitchell. ✓ |
| 23. <i>Flint</i> —S. C. Randall. | 51. <i>Almont</i> —L. H. Briggs. |
| 24. <i>Mt. Hermon</i> —L. A. Clapp. | 52. <i>Hastings</i> —D. Striker. |
| 25. <i>Paw Paw</i> —Henry L. Eggleston. | 54. <i>Lapeer</i> —C. S. Hicks. |
| 26. <i>Maroon</i> —A. J. Skutt. | 55. <i>Buckus</i> —J. A. Shingledecker. |

56. *Occidental*—H. W. Guernsey.
57. *Three Rivers*—Thos. G. Greene.
58. *Port Huron*—J. S. Bottsford.
59. *Climax*—L. W. Lovell.
60. *Cedar*—J. T. Peter.
61. *Lexington*—George Smith.
62. *S. Ward*—
63. *Eaton Rapids*—G. B. Hamlin.
64. *Macomb*—H. Bennett.
65. *Washtenaw*—A. D. Crane.
66. *Capitol of S. O.*—Alex. Blair.
67. *Ontonagon*—A. G. Hibbard.
68. *Buchanan*—Dan'l Terriere.
69. *Tecumseh*—G. T. Kitcham.
70. *Mason*—N. A. Dunning.
73. *Colon*—A. J. Kinne.
74. *Dundee*—H. Watling.
75. *Utica*—P. A. Knight.
76. *Livingston*—C. W. Haze.
77. *Saginaw*—G. C. Warner.
78. *Otsego*—Thos. B. Austin.
80. *Byron*—Chas. E. Euler.
81. *Owasco*—Henry C. Knill.
82. *Lake St. Clair*—J. W. Randall.
83. *Bellvue*—
84. *Oxford*—Geo. S. Pierce.
85. *Ann Arbor*—S. G. Taylor.
86. *Valley City*—J. C. Parke.
88. *Butler*—I. C. Hager.
89. *Myrtle*—Joseph C. Merrill.
90. *Lowell*—
91. *Ashler*—R. Rowland.
92. *Prairie*—M. W. Alfred.
93. *Star*—N. W. Thompson.
94. *Charity*—Geo. Eaton.
95. *J. Moors*—F. N. Butler.
96. *Greenville*—John Lewis.
97. *Niles*—A. G. Dailey.
98. *Waterford*—
99. *Decatur*—E. R. Palmer.
100. *Oakwood*—Geo. D. Cowdin.
101. *Marquette*—
102. *Blanchard*—
103. *Greenly*—Fred Hart.
104. *White Pigeon*—R. A. Greene.
105. *St. Johns*—A. J. Wiggins.
106. *St. Peters*—H. S. Cook.
107. *Eureka*—H. S. Noble.
108. *Rockland*—F. W. Anthony.
109. *Fentonville*—Asa Reynolds.
110. *Hiram*—Jos. Carr.
111. *Allegan*—
112. *Wayne*—B. Hodgkinson.
113. *Hamilton*—D. W. Thompson.
114. *Blinsfield*—R. B. C. Newcomb.
115. *Corunna*—S. Pettibone.
116. *Excelsior*—H. S. Smith.
117. *Reading*—C. B. Reynolds.
118. *Schoolcraft*—Jos. Gilbert.
119. *Rising Sun*—E. C. Hurd.
120. *Charlotte*—E. S. Lacey.
121. *Commerce*—C. E. Dewey.
122. *Ottawa*—Thomas Lowe.
123. *Ithica*—W. W. Comstock.
124. *Eagle*—A. Bordner.
125. *Fairfield*—John W. Nash.
126. *Forest*—Wm. B. Preston.
127. *Ovid*—W. H. Faxon.
128. *Ypsilanti*—J. E. Marvin.
129. *Bay City*—R. J. Carney.
130. *Stockbridge*—H. Gregory.
131. *Newaygo*—A. H. Giddings.
132. *Linden*—George Murray.
133. *Suline*—Wm. Allison.
134. *Holly*—A. P. Waldo.
135. *Quincy*—
136. *Pokagon*—Wm. Bates.
137. *Mendon*—Chas. A. Palmer.
138. *Port Hope*—A. G. Mathewson.
139. *Grand Haven*—Geo. Parks.
140. *Muskegon*—Fred. A. Nims.
141. *Mystic*—
142. *Memphis*—L. G. Sperry.
143. *Harmony*—J. E. Barringer.
144. *Russell*—J. J. Sumner.
145. *Maple Rapids*—E. Mudge.
146. *Boston*—C. W. Stowe.
147. *Warren*—Chas. Lowe.
148. *Manchester*—Albert Case. ✓
149. *United*—E. H. Glenn.
150. *Dryden*—Miner Fuller.
151. *Farmington*—N. Lee.

152. *Redford*—Jas. McKinney.
153. *Williamston*—J. W. Waldo.
154. *Saginaw Valley*—J. S. North.
155. *Salina*—A. Linton.
156. *Olice*—Orrin Thatcher.
157. *Addison*—Orrin B. Bowen.
158. *Star of the Lake*—
159. *Golden Rule*—Robt. J. Price.
160. *Dunaville*—Abram Grabowski.
161. *North Newburg*—Bruce Haight.
162. *Coloma*—J. H. Marvin.
163. *Cass River*—Lewis C. Davis.
164. *Fowlerville*—H. N. Spencer.
165. *Milford*—H. D. Tenney.
166. *Mt. Vernon*—M. Hawley.
167. *Tracy*—Alex. Lawson.
168. *Temple*—R. A. Bury.
169. *Brooklyn*—A. S. Palmer.
170. *Wyandotte*—J. S. Van Alstyne.
171. *Big Rapids*—W. I. Latimer.
172. *Dearborn*—Squire Lapham.
173. *Evening Star*—Alex. Kerr.
174. *Genesee*—J. B. Newton.
175. *Clinton*—D. Woodward.
176. *Hilledale*—Robt. A. Everetta.
177. *Croton*—John F. Ganweiler.
178. *Tuscan*—W. Reynolds.
179. *Grand Ledge*—G. W. Thomas.
180. *Pilgrim*—Geo. H. Mallory.
181. *Orangeville*—Eli Nichols.
182. *Lorell Moore*—Jos. Ireland.
183. *Parma*—R. Landon.
184. *Palmyra*—W. G. Smith.
185. *Pleasant Lake*—H. B. Hawley.
186. *Northville*—F. R. Beal.
187. *Richmond*—S. M. Stone.
188. *St. Louis*—O. A. Everden.
189. *Adams*—Albert Kenyon.
190. *Portsmouth*—W. H. Southworth.
191. *Unity*—J. O. Doesburg.
192. *Summit*—N. Hamilton.
193. *Dutcher*—J. A. Sheed.
194. *Chewaning*—R. W. Andrews.
195. *Delta*—
196. *Gratton*—H. E. Whitney.
197. *Winfield*—John Towers.
198. *Montague*—Geo. E. Dowling.
199. *Alpena*—A. G. Allen.
200. *Oceana*—Rev. I. Boynton.
201. *Algonac*—Jas. S. Raymond.
202. *Negaunee*—C. C. Yemmans.
203. *Prilo*—Thos. H. Freeman.
204. *Coffinbury*—J. G. Miller.
205. *Vienna*—Russell Johnson.
206. *Park*—Geo. W. Osborn.
207. *Bedford*—Chas. Austin.
208. *Brady*—J. W. Baker.
209. *Liberty*—H. C. Kinaball.
210. *Hudly*—Lucius Fitch.
211. *Hartland*—O. B. Chambers.
212. *Leslie*—W. H. Rice.
213. *Cedar Springs*—Sears Ford.
214. *Peninsula*—D. W. Clemmer.
215. *Cato*—John Tennant.
216. *Lawton*—F. B. Adams.
217. *Richland*—Thos. J. Logan.
218. *Houghton*—J. Q. McKernon.
219. *Cass*—
220. *Athens*—Nelson S. Wells.
221. *Bloomington*—Hiram E. Goble.
222. *Traverse City*—C. W. Day.
223. *Flushing*—M. M. Park.
224. *James Fenton*—Geo. W. Pease.
225. *Augusta*—O. R. Smith.
226. *Mt. Moriah*—J. J. Wilder.
227. *Volinia*—John Struble.
228. *Manistee*—
229. *Lisbon*—C. E. Koon.
230. *Laingsburg*—E. B. Ward.
231. *Milleville*—Horace J. Whitney.
232. *Vermontville*—Homer G. Barber.
233. *Salathiel*—S. W. Duncombe.
234. *Spring Lake*—
235. *Plainville*—J. V. Rogers.
236. *Goodrich*—Edward Couse.
237. *Sunila*—Mark Willis.
238. *Elsie*—T. W. Lusk.
239. *Three Oaks*—H. Chamberlain.
240. *Oriental*—Harvey W. Burr.
241. *Corinthian*—W. W. Brainard.
242. *Keeweenaw*—Rev. D. G. Jackson.
243. *Au Sable*—Jas. W. Dally.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

On Masonic Law—Bros. M. S. Brackett, H. M. Look and F. A. Nims.

On Grievances—Bros. A. G. Hibbard, J. L. Mitchell, A. L. Sawyer.

On Examination—Bros. J. B. Newton, D. W. Clemmer, Geo. W. Pease.

On Accounts—Bros. H. W. Burr, H. Chamberlain, D. E. Wilson.

On Foreign Correspondence—The R. W. Grand Secretary, T. G. Grove, — Bailey.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

This Grand Body has again met under most auspicious and congratulatory circumstances. The working tools of our order have been actively employed in our jurisdiction since we last met in Annual Communication, and our labors have been crowned with signal success and flattering rewards. Peace has prevailed within our mystic precincts, and harmony rests on our sacred altars. Many new members have been added to our Brotherhood by initiation within the year, which shows an increasing respect for our Order among the intelligent of our fellow men, and that the more Masonry, its objects, its aims, its pretensions, and its effects, are discussed and agitated by its enemies, the more favorably it impresses itself upon the moral sentiment of the age. It has been observed that the accessions to our Order during the last year, and, perhaps, a part of the preceding year, have been, as a general thing, a high order of men, embracing not only some who are deservedly distinguished for their prominence as citizens and members of society, but who are justly eminent for their moral stability and pure integrity. The active business men, the worthy mechanics and laborers, the professional classes, the youth and the middle aged, have long been seeking the peaceful asylum of our Order; but recently the more aged philosopher, the gray-haired moralist, and the profound thinker, have sought our school of ethics. Men who have struggled through professional, political, and pecuniary conflicts, with honor, seek our temple, sit down at our altar, and breathe freely in its atmosphere of pure morals, as they rest from their protracted struggle of life, giving dignity to Masonry, while they become useful laborers among us.

Considering the prosperity of our Order, not only within our own jurisdiction, but throughout the world; considering its increasing importance to the human family as a moral institution interwoven with almost every social and civil arrangement of mankind, and considering its great promise in the future as a minister to humanity, we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to The Supreme Grand Master, whose wisdom guides all human institutions to prosperity, whose power shapes them to honor, and whose mercy leads to all human happiness.

Our relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions are most harmonious and pleasant. The sentiments of fraternal regard for our brethren of the Southern Jurisdictions, which have pervaded our proceedings and our intercourse with them, have been received by them in the spirit of amity, and most cordially responded to by their Grand Lodges. I can not but believe that this element of peace and good will which our institution diffuses has had more to do in modifying and tempering Northern hatred, and in suppressing Southern distrust, than any other cause. May it continue its efforts to perfect harmony and mutual respect and confidence.

Within a short time after the close of the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the new Lodges which received their Charters at that Communication were duly constituted, consecrated, and their officers installed, many of them by Worshipful Brothers acting as my proxies, under appointments made by me respectively for such purposes. These new Lodges have been most successful in their Masonic labors, and have become efficient instruments in the extension and dissemination of Masonic light and knowledge.

To the Brothers who were so kind as to act as my proxies in the organization of these new Lodges, I most respectfully tender my thanks for the proper and able manner in which they discharged those duties respectively.

On the evening of the 28th of May, I dedicated a new

Masonic Hall at Lansing. The brethren of this city have, at a good deal of expense, provided themselves with a beautiful and tastefully finished and appointed hall, which not only reflects great credit upon our brethren at that place, but is an honor to the Order in this jurisdiction. The enterprise of our Lansing brethren is worthy of imitation by other Lodges.

I granted twelve Dispensations for opening new Lodges since the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. All the constitutional pre-requisites were complied with by the petitioners in each respective application, and, deeming that the honor, prosperity, and usefulness of Masonry would be subserved by organizing these new Lodges, I granted the prayers of the petitioners.

These dispensations having expired will be returned to you, with an exhibition of the work done under them, for your examination, and charters asked for these new Lodges respectively.

I issued five Dispensations for conferring the degree of Entered Apprentice under emergent circumstances, first satisfying myself, in every instance, that the applicant was worthy, and that the peculiar nature of the circumstances were such as would authorize a Dispensation of the Masonic usages in relation to such applications.

In the course of the year I have decided a great many questions of Masonic law, which came regularly before me for consideration and decision. All these questions, with the exception of such as were connected with or grew out of two applications for my opinion, had been formerly decided by this Grand Lodge, or by long established precedents, acknowledged by it. The fact of information having been sought, and opinions required of the Grand Master, upon propositions and questions which have long been settled by this Grand Lodge, impresses it upon me as a duty, to recommend to our brethren throughout the State, and especially to officers of Lodges, to read and

study at least, the proceedings of our own Grand Lodge; especially its Constitution, its standing rules, and the decisions of its Grand Masters upon Masonic Jurisprudence. A reasonable knowledge of this will enable the brethren and the officers of Lodges to decide for themselves many of the questions which are almost daily submitted for the consideration of the Grand Master, and he be thereby relieved from an onerous duty.

The following questions have been put in writing, some of them several times, during the last year :

Can a Lodge collect dues from non-affiliated Masons, within its jurisdiction?

Can a Lodge initiate a candidate who resides in another county, but whose residence is nearest to the Lodge applied to ?

These and many other questions, which any one would find an answer to in our standing rules or Constitution, have frequently came up. In all such cases I invariably answered, fully and clearly, and, with great patience and respect, referred the visitors to the authorities which would settle these questions respectively.

The questions which I decided and which I deem of sufficient importance to report for your consideration, were as follows, growing out of the several subjects brought to my notice.

Since the adoption, by this Grand Body, of the resolution forbidding the organization of bodies corporate in Lodges, for the purpose of holding real estate pursuant to an act of the State Legislature, to that effect, this question has been directly presented for my decision, from at least twenty Lodges or brothers.

Question.—What is the best method for a Lodge to secure legal title to real estate for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall?

I have uniformly answered this question as follows :

1st. A subordinate Lodge, (unless it be under the act

referred to) has no legal corporate existence, and therefore can not be seized of real estate.

2d. This Grand Lodge, is, by Legislative enactment, a body corporate and politic, and perpetual in its existence, as such ; it can become seized of real estate legally, and can legally grant and convey the same.

3d. Let the subordinate Lodge take a deed from the grantor to the Grand Lodge, in trust for the use and benefit of its subordinate, (which this Grand Lodge recognises as a legitimate body, although not recognized by the law as a legal body) and for no other purpose, except that of conveyance on request of the subordinate. This vests the title in the Grand Lodge for certain purposes, and divests the grantor of all estate in the realty.

4th. Should the subordinate desire to sell or exchange, let the subordinate send a deed to the Grand Master, the legal executive head of the Grand Lodge, at any time, and his execution of it, would convey the real estate to the grantee named in the deed.

The subject is one of considerable moment, is as much many of our subordinates located in large towns and growing villages, must continue to pay high rent, unless they can secure a sufficient interest in real estate to enable them to build houses of their own, which would, also, be a source of income to the respective Lodges, and would enhance their usefulness individually, and promote the general welfare and prosperity of Masonry.

The following correspondence suggested and required the decisions which follow. The correspondence is addressed to Blissfield Lodge, No. 114, and by that Lodge submitted to me for my direction in the premises:

To the Blissfield Lodge of F. & A. M. :

Permit me to express to you my thanks for having conferred the three first degrees of Masonry upon me without charge. Now, from your fraternity, I ask you to give me as generously full release. To this request I have been urged by a sense of duty which has long been growing.

ing. It is not possible for me to endorse the institution or to feel bound by its obligations. Delay on your part to act in my case will effect no change in my wishes or convictions; therefore let me hear of your disposal of my case as soon as possible.

Yours, &c.,

D. H. E.

September 29th, 1868.

Another letter from the same brother, addressed to the Secretary of the same Lodge, dated October 13th, 1868, is as follows:

Please to find enclosed my withdrawal from the fraternity of F. & A. M., with my pledge of honor not to avail myself of its rites and benefits for ever. May I ask you to send me as soon as possible the official evidence that my withdrawal is complete.

Yours, &c.,

D. H. E.

This note enclosed the following writing, bearing the same date:

I, D. H. E., of my own free will and accord, do hereby withdraw myself from the fraternity of F. & A. Masons, and pledge my honor that I will never make myself known as a Mason by sign, token, or word, or receive any of the rites or benefits of Masonry hereafter.

(Signed)

D. H. E.

These documents were forwarded to me by the Secretary of Blissfield Lodge, with a note as follows:

I am requested by our Lodge to ask you if this Lodge can legally accept the withdrawal from all the rites and benefits of Masonry of one of its members.

To these inquiries I replied as follows:

Such a withdrawal as our brother proposes is incompatible with the spirit of Masonry, and inconsistent with its duties. He can not, by his withdrawal, impair our obligations to him, nor absolve us from our obligations and duties to his family.

His pledge of honor is worthless. One who has taken the solemn Masonic obligations, and openly declares that he does not feel himself bound by them, certainly will not entertain any higher respect for his obligations of honor.

Your Lodge can not accept such withdrawal, neither can it discharge a brother from his Masonic obligations and duties.

A Lodge can not ignore its obligations to a brother, nor can it discharge itself or its members from them, except by trial for unmasonic conduct, and a sentence of suspension or expulsion from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, upon conviction.

I recommend to your Lodge to prefer charges of unmasonic conduct against the brother, for declaring that he can not indorse the institution of Masonry, and that he does not feel himself bound by its obligations. A brother who does not acknowledge the force of these obligations ought to be expelled from the Order.

By this answer to the Lodge the following questions were decided, which I submit for your approval, revision, modification, or reversal, confident that the great legal ability associated in this Grand Body will rule justly in the premises:

1st. A Mason can not, in form, resign his membership of the Order, withdraw himself from its duties, nor discharge himself from its obligations.

2d. A Lodge has not the power to discharge a Mason from his duties as such, nor absolve him from his Masonic obligations.

3d. Could it do so at the request of a brother, the claims of the family of the brother upon the Order would remain unimpaired, for acts of either the Lodge or the brother, which would compromise such claims of third parties, could have no effect against the rights of such third parties.

4th. A Lodge can not avail nor absolve itself and its Masonic brotherhood from their obligation to a brother, only by a sentence of suspension or expulsion from all the rights and benefits of Masonry against such brother, upon a fair trial and conviction.

5th. A brother who will not endorse the moral theories of Masonry and its sublime, humane lessons, and who declares that he will not be bound by its solemn obligations, ought to be expelled from all the rights and obligations of Masonry.

In February, 1861, Anchor Lodge of Strict Observance No. 87, in the town of Kalamazoo, surrendered its Charter to this Grand Body. The reason of this surrender was, that at that time it was ascertained by the members of that Lodge, after an experiment of several years, that one Lodge in that village was sufficient for the diffusion of Masonic light in that community, and to promote the interests and prosperity of the Order generally; and that Kalamazoo Lodge No. 22, its senior, was entitled, by priority, to the entire jurisdiction, and competent therein, to effect all Masonic purposes and ends.

Anchor Lodge, therefore, without any dereliction on its part, without any blame from the Grand Lodge, or any discord among its members or with any other Lodge, to promote Masonry and for the honor of the Order, voluntarily surrendered its Charter.

This Charter remains in the Archives of this Grand Lodge; while the Records, the jewels and furniture of the Lodge, have, since the surrender of the Charter, remained in the Masonic Hall in Kalamazoo.

I understand that a petition will be presented to the Grand Lodge at this Grand Communication, signed by a number of brethren of Kalamazoo, including members of the Old Anchor Lodge, praying for a restoration of the Charter of that Lodge, with all its rights and privileges under its Charter and its own number 87, which has been vacant on our roll of Lodges since the surrender of the Charter.

The reason for this movement on the part of our Kalamazoo brethren is obvious. Kalamazoo, since the surrender of that Charter, has grown into a flourishing town; its population now amounts to about ten thousand inhabitants,

being one of the most populous and beautiful inland towns of the State. Kalamazoo Lodge No. 22, with the increase of village population, has increased the number of its members until it has become a large body and inconvenient on account of its members. Notwithstanding our brethren of Kalamazoo have erected and finished a new Hall, which is not only a credit to them but an honor to Masonry generally, yet the members of that Lodge are so numerous that the ordinary increase must soon overflow their large and magnificent hall. Kalamazoo Lodge will, as I have been informed, most cordially concur in the restitution of the Charter to Anchor Lodge.

I commend this subject to your consideration, and recommend that the charter, journals and furniture be restored to Anchor Lodge of Strict Observance, without cost to the petitioners. It will be remembered that there is no law, rule or constitutional provision of our Grand Lodge requiring a fee in such cases; hence the whole subject is one of independent legislation, and the Lodge having already paid for one charter, and this Grand Lodge having received a fee for such charter, it appears but strict equity that the charter, if restored, ought to be restored without cost to the petitioners.

In 1867, I granted a Dispensation to a number of brothers to open a new Lodge at Elm Hill, upon a proper application, and all the constitutional requirements having been fully complied with on the part of the petitioners.

This Dispensation was not returned at the Grand Communication in January, 1868, (circumstances preventing), but immediately afterwards, upon a full statement of the facts in the case, I authorized them to continue their work under it until this Communication, and I presume they will present specimens of their work and ask for a Charter at this time.

About the 20th of May, I received a communication from Hon. Willard Vaux, R. W. Grand Master of Masons

in Pennsylvania, extending to me, and through me to the elective Grand Officers of our Grand Lodge, an invitation to be present and to participate in the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple in the city of Philadelphia, on the 24th of June, the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, next ensuing.

This invitation, notwithstanding the extraordinary drouth and heat which prevailed at that time, and notwithstanding the expense and sacrifice of time, was accepted by me, that this Grand Lodge should be properly represented in an assemblage in which nearly every Grand Lodge in the United States was expected to be properly represented. This invitation was also accepted by R. W. A. T. Metcalf, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. R. W. Landon, Grand Treasurer; and R. W. S. Blanchard, Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

We proceeded to the city of Philadelphia, where we were received by the R. W. Grand Master, Hon. Willard Vaux, and his Grand Officers, with demonstrations of the most fraternal consideration and cordial hospitality, on the evening of the 23d of June. On the 24th, pursuant to the previous preparations and arrangements, the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid according to Masonic usage.

Our brethren of Pennsylvania have an important—in fact, a stupendous undertaking before them in the erection of this new and magnificent superstructure, which, if completed according to the original design, must prove the most extensive Masonic edifice in the United States, and the most perfect and consummate architectural elaboration of modern times.

While we may congratulate and commend our Pennsylvania brethren upon this triumphant enterprise, we may also congratulate our universal Order upon this addition to its monuments of benevolence, this asylum of its ministers to humanity. From the immense revenues arising from the

rental of this stupendous edifice, we may foresee the many philanthropies which may arise—the widow and the orphan, the poor and the needy, will not want funds while our Order continues to provide for their aid in instituting these landmarks of human benevolence—these fruitful sources of pecuniary production for their benefit. May this great enterprise of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be crowned with success, and add confidence and trust in our Order among the human masses.

I submit for your consideration the question of the traveling expenses of your Grand Officers on this occasion. To your judgment and decision they will submit with profound deference.

On the 31st of July I received an invitation to the Grand Lodge from Hon. W. W. Wheaton, Mayor of the City of Detroit, to take charge of and conduct the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of the new City Hall in Detroit on the 6th day of August. Although the time to prepare for this public event was limited to barely six days, I felt it my duty to accept, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, this courteous invitation. I therefore summoned the Grand Lodge to assemble on the 6th day of August at this hall, and extended an invitation to the subordinate Lodges of this city to be present *en masse* and participate in the ceremonies of the occasion. I also extended an invitation to Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templars, to attend on the occasion, as an escort to the Grand Lodge. In the name of the Grand Lodge I also invited our worthy Brother Major Throckmorton, of the Regular Army, commanding Battery G, 4th U. S. Art., at Fort Wayne, to be present with his command, and to participate in the ceremonies of the occasion. All these invitations were promptly and cordially accepted.

On the 6th day of August the Grand Lodge met and was opened in Ample Form, and, at the proper time, under the escort of Detroit Commandery, and supported by a large

number of Lodges and brethren, took its appropriate position in the grand procession of the day, which embraced the civil authorities of the city, besides many societies, associations, and the military and civic departments of the city. The day was propitious. The occasion was an important one to both the city and to the Grand Lodge. Besides the distinguished citizens who were assigned proper positions in the immense procession, thousands of ladies, gentlemen and citizens thronged the Campus Martius, the site of the new City Hall, where, through the energy, foresight and assiduity of the Honorable Mayor and City Council, ample provision had been made for the accommodation of the large concourse. After an impressive prayer by Most Reverend Bishop McCoskry, an eloquent address by Hon. Mayor Wheaton, and an interesting historical sketch of the City of Detroit, by Hon. C. I. Walker, the Grand Lodge took charge of the corner stone, and, with the usual ceremonies, deposited it in ancient Masonic form.

The occasion was an impressive one. Many a head of that immense throng of human beings sank with solemn emotions as that foundation stone slowly descended to its proper place in the northeast corner, there to remain, perhaps, forever. The slow descent of the stone, the deep, solemn music of the instrumental bands—the simultaneous ascending and descending of the white gloves of the Brethren in public Grand Honors, accompanied by the heavy booming of the artillery, all combined to inspire impressions and emotions in the breasts of the thoughtful which tend to elevate and purify the heart.

I take this occasion to tender my thanks to the Grand Officers for the prompt aid rendered in these ceremonies, and the able manner in which each acquitted himself.

I also tender my thanks to Detroit Commandary, No. 1, for their chivalric courtesy, and knightly bearing, as an escort to the Grand Lodge, so promptly rendered during these public ceremonies, and also to the several Lodges

of the city, which so cheerfully and so cordially came to the aid of the Grand Lodge, upon so short a notice in this emergency.

Our thanks are also due, and most cordially tendered, to Major Throckmorton, who, with his battery, so much enhanced the impressive solemnities of that occasion.

It is with Masonic pride and gratulation that I allude to this circumstance at a time when bigots are waging a war of empty words against our Order. This circumstance proves how little impartial and unprejudiced minds are affected by the empty, yet vindictive attacks of the ignorant upon our order.

The assembling of the Grand Lodge and the discharge of the duties it had assumed in pursuance of this invitation, was not without some extraordinary expenses. This subject I commend to your consideration and action, and recommend that the grand officers and members who attended in obedience to the summons, be allowed the usual mileage and *per diem*.

In the month of September I received an invitation from M. W. J. R. Gorin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Illinois, to be present and participate in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new capitol of that State, at Springfield, which ceremony was to take place on the 5th of October, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

This honor, to my great regret, on account of pressing business engagements I was obliged to decline.

I sent a proxy to our worthy and distinguished brother, William L. Webber, of East Saginaw, in the name of this Grand Lodge, and in my stead to take charge of and conduct the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of a new court house in Bay City, for the county in which that city is located, and the corner stone of a large high school edifice in that city on the 6th day of May last. To the discharge of this duty, I had been invited by the proper

authorities at a time when it was impossible for me to accept that honor in person.

Our worthy Brother Webber accepted the duties thus imposed upon him by this proxy, and acquitted himself with much credit to his own skill and great honor to the Order, delivering an able and eloquent address on the occasion, which left favorable impressions upon the public mind in relation to our ancient Institution.

I take this opportunity to return my thanks to Brother Webber for his acceptance of my proxy and the discharge of his duties under it.

Our worthy and R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Upper Peninsula, Thomas U. Flanner, has reported to me, as usual, that our Order is prosperous in that portion of our jurisdiction. In the management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge in that portion of the State, and in the regulation and promotion of the interests and prosperity of Masonry generally there, Brother Flanner has shown great ability, prudence and sound judgment. This Grand Body is greatly indebted to him for his successful administration in his peculiar jurisdiction for the last three years, and to him I return my thanks for the manner in which he has honored my appointment by his administration.

The report of this Grand Officer is in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and will be read by him, in proper time.

The Lodge room of Bloomingdale Lodge, No. 221, by a misfortune of fire, was consumed, together with its charter, its jewels and its records. This misfortune happened on the day before its annual election. This accident being one which could not be foreseen nor guarded against. In consequence of this disaster the Lodge had no place to meet, and, therefore, held no election of officers.

It is necessary that the Grand Lodge take some action, and give some direction in the premises. I recommend that the dues of the Lodge be remitted, a new Charter bearing the

proper number of the Lodge be issued without fee, and an election of officers authorized for the current year.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, a Committee on the subject of a Masonic Temple was appointed, whose powers and duties were defined by the resolution under which it was appointed.

It is expected that that Committee will make a report at this Grand Communication. That report is looked forward to with great solicitude, not only by the members of this Grand Body and every member of our Order in our jurisdiction, but by many worthy and distinguished fellow-citizens who are alien to our Order.

As an individual member of our Fraternity, I consider the erection of such a superstructure not so much in the light of a necessity of the Grand Lodge for its own convenience and accommodation, as a duty in the furtherance and promotion of the great cardinal aims and objects of our institution.

From the peculiar relation which Masonry sustains to society and social institutions at this time—from the nature of its engagements as a moral and benevolent institution, and from the means afforded it through this particular channel of engaging in the great humanitarian enterprises of the age, something more than mere self-enhancement is, and may well be, expected. To study the moral necessities of society and to apply salutary remedies—to learn the wants of humanity and to minister to them—these are among its self-assumed duties, and stand conspicuous among its high professions.

In the infancy of associations, as well as that of the human family, but little can be expected, but a healthy growth, under proper fostering protection; but Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has, fortunately, attained to a full and manful development of self-sovereignty. It is time that it should make itself felt as a minister of good to mankind, in a degree commensurate with its magnitude as a

moral organization. It may now erect its temples to the liberal arts and sciences; it may, by methodical and well-devised steps found schools for the ignorant, homes for the homeless, and asylums for the widow and the fatherless.

In the philosophy of humanity, among its great lessons of life, it is an axiom that the good we can do it becomes an imperative duty to do; and that the neglect or omission of a duty becomes a crime in us whenever a fellow-being becomes a sufferer through our neglect or omission. This axiom is as applicable to us as an organized body of philanthropists as it can be to individuals or aggregations in the domestic and social economy. If we, as a body, gird on the lion's skin, we must go forth and do battle against vice—if we appropriate the healing oil and wine, we must, as good Samaritans, go forth to minister to the wounds of humanity.

I can perceive no path open to this Grand Body which will lead to these philanthropic benefits without pecuniary aids, and these aids are only accessible, as I conceive, through the erection of an edifice, the rental of which may supply the pecuniary means.

Shortly after the close of the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, I communicated my views to the Temple Committee, touching its magnitude, its expense, its uses, the ways and means, and the application of the revenue arising from its rental, which was in substance as follows:

Let the cost of the edifice be five hundred thousand dollars, and the cost of the site not more than one hundred thousand, making the whole investment, six hundred thousand dollars.

For the means let the Grand dues, which are now twenty-five cents *per capitem*, be raised to one dollar and twenty-five cents. The Grand Lodge has now a constituency of about twenty thousand. This constituency increases in the ratio of nearly four thousand per annum. In January 1867,

it was 13,154; in January, 1868, 16,861; being an increase of 3,707, in 1867; in the same ratio of increase it is now nearly if not entirely 20,000, and will be above that before the payment of the Grand dues of the present Masonic year. By a change of the Constitution to this increase of the Grand dues we will still find the same contingent fund from the twenty-five cents, the present rate, and a gross revenue of twenty thousand dollars, arising annually from the increase of one dollar. By this revenue, alone, without regard to its increase, through an increased membership, and independent of the revenue arising from the rental of the Temple, the entire debt would be extinguished in thirty years. In the city of Detroit, the most beautiful city of the great Northwest, a city which is rapidly increasing in importance as a great commercial *entre pot*, and as rapidly increasing in population and enterprise, such an investment would doubtless pay ten per cent. upon the capital sum; but, to estimate the net revenue arising from this source, at five per cent. upon the six hundred thousand dollars invested, it would produce annually the sum of thirty thousand dollars. This sum, added to the twenty thousand arising from Grand dues and applied to the payment of the building debt, would extinguish it in twelve years.

After the extinguishment of the debt by this means, the Grand dues could again be reduced, leaving a net sum of thirty thousand dollars annually, to be applied in some manner for the benefit of the human family, as the Grand Lodge might direct.

In presenting my views to the Committee, I ventured to make the following suggestions in relation to the application of these revenues:

In order to enable the Grand Lodge to enter the great field of humanitarian labor as soon as the revenue from the rental could be realized, let the twenty thousand dollars arising from the Grand dues, with its annual increase arising from the increase of the Brotherhood, be applied alone to the payment of the debt.

Let two large halls, with the necessary apartments and offices be finished in the Temple—one for a Public Library and the other for an Art Gallery. Place annually in the Library ten thousand dollars' worth of books, and in the Art Gallery the same sum in choice selections of high art. To these several funds add, annually, the revenue arising from the sale of tickets to each, respectively. I have no doubt that, while these institutions, both of which are emphatically and legitimately objects of the fostering care of Masonry, would become the nucleus or foundation of the most magnificent Library and Art Gallery on the continent, that not only the revenues of the Temple would be augmented thereby, our Temple be made an object of city pride, even State pride, many of our indigent brethren, their widows and orphans furnished with appropriate and lucrative employment in and about these several institutions, but our time-honored Order would be hailed by mankind as a human benefactor.

There would still be ten thousand dollars annually unappropriated after these instalments of twenty thousand for books and art. I suggested to the committee that this instalment might be appropriately applied, biennially, or triennially, in sums of twenty or thirty thousand dollars, to the erection of asylums for widows and orphans, at different localities in the State of Michigan, until every large town in the State had a Masonic asylum for widows and orphans, and every indigent widow and orphan in the State had a home. After this great object had been consummated, the same fund might be applied to founding free schools, academies, hospitals, schools of correction, etc.

In our country the humanity of our legislative enactments is imperfect and incomplete. The remedies that our civil systems apply, do not aim at preventing pauperism, but for finding paupers only. And then they only dole out with a parsimonious hand a sufficiency to prevent starvation. These remedies are always attended with humiliation,

mortification and disgrace to those to whom they are applied; hence many suffer incalculably before they appeal to the legal tribunals for their meagre and niggardly pittance which they must eat in shame and digest in disgrace.

The law feeds the pauper only, and spices his repast with reproach and reproof. Masonry comes to the aid of the unfortunate in the spirit of philanthropy, and aims at ennobling humanity by saving from pauperism with its train of mortifications and humiliations. The law punishes vice but metes out no reward to virtue. Masonry teaches lessons of morality and rewards virtue with an unfading crown. The law is deaf to the appeals of the indigent, it is only to the claim of the pauper that she gives ear. It is left for Masonry to provide sheltering asylums for poverty, that its victims may not become paupers and make good their claims upon the law.

But Masonry must have means to carry out those high objects for humanity, and I have ventured to suggest these views as a successful method by which this Body may command the means of rendering these great benefits to mankind. It is now within the power of this Grand Lodge to take the first step toward this great end.

Without an amendment of the Constitution, funds may be raised, by a direct assessment upon the Lodges, of one, two, or three dollars per annum, upon each member, to be paid out of the Lodge funds. The Lodges, by raising the fees for degrees, could make the means of paying this assessment available without becoming burdensome to the Lodges or the members of the Order.

Should the committee report the purchase of a site, I recommend that this Grand Lodge, by an assessment of two dollars per head upon the members of each Lodge, to be paid by the Lodge into the office of the Grand Secretary within sixty days, to be applied by the committee upon the payment of such purchase money.

Should the committee have failed to consummate a negotiation for the purchase of a site, I recommend the adoption

of a resolution instructing that committee to purchase a site for a temple edifice in the city of Detroit, within sixty days, on as favorable terms as possible, for a sum not exceeding \$100,000, authorizing the chairman of the committee to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the first instalment, not to exceed \$40,000, and that an assessment be made by the Grand Lodge, as above mentioned, to meet such draft. By this step we will be enabled to enter, without delay, upon our enterprise without changing our Constitution.

After the committee to which this subject was referred at our last communication have submitted their report, I trust the subject will receive such consideration at your hands as its magnitude demands.

I beg to direct the attention of our brethren to the Detroit Masonic Mutual Relief Association which was established in this city one year ago.

A year's experiment is sufficient to disclose many facts in relation to this experimental institution, and, among these facts, that this method of insurance will prove successful as a safe and cheap life insurance system, and will relieve Lodges from the burden of supporting, or at least relieve the necessities, in many instances, of the widows and orphans of deceased indigent brethren. The simplicity of this system commends it to the favor of all who have considered it.

I am indebted to Bro. Jex Bardwell, Esquire, the active Secretary of this association, for the following valuable statistics in relation to this new institution.

The Association has, at this time, 84 members. The nativity of these members is as follows :

United States, 61; England, 6; Prussia, 4; Ireland, 3; France, 1; Wurtemberg, 2; Scotland, 2; Germany, 2; Canada, 2; Saxony, 2.

The number of Lodges represented by this membership is 29 — one in the State of Indiana, and twenty-eight in the State of Michigan.

The age of the oldest member is 79; and, of the youngest, 27 years—the average age of the whole number being 43 years.

The greatest number belonging to any one Lodge is 12.

There have been three deaths of members within the year, to wit: Bro. W. L. Willard, of Trenton Lodge No. 8, September 9th, aged 46 years; Bro. W. J. Thomas, of Siloam Lodge No. 35, September 15th, aged 29 years; and Bro. J. D. Robertson, of Detroit Lodge No. 2, October 3d, aged 44 years.

Of a membership of our Order of 1,172,821, extending over a period of ten years in twenty-nine States, North and South, the ratio of deaths is 1.03 in each one hundred. The rate is higher in the Southern than the Northern States. The highest in the twenty-nine States is in Louisiana, which is one death in every 45, and the lowest is in Vermont, which is one death in every 149 per annum. The rate in Michigan last year, in the whole State, was one in 143. Should this association embrace a sufficient membership to establish a correct popular average, that average would be less than one death to the hundred.

Young men have objected to this system of insurance for the reason that it does not discriminate in its rates between the aged and the youthful.

It will be remembered that the bills of mortality show a greater decrease between the ages of 25 and 50 than between 50 and 75, owing to the comfortable homes, the regular habits, the limited travels, the protecting domestic solicitude and fostering family care for the aged; the active business habits of the young, the extensive travels which business requires, the dangers of accident and disease to which travel and its habits expose those who engage in it, the recklessness which too often accompanies health, strength and youth, and the unsettled lives of those who have not surrounded themselves with well-established domestic circles, and are yet aspiring to shape their path to fortune or distinction.

It becomes a question, indeed, in view of these considerations, in whose favor the discrimination should be made, the old or the young.

All three of the deaths in this Association during the last year were of members under the age of fifty years, while, I believe, a majority of the members of the Association are above that age.

I felt it my duty to take this occasion to bring this subject to the consideration of the brethren, and to present the statistics for their information.

It is with great satisfaction that I announce to you, my brethren, that the vice of intemperance in the use of intoxicating beverages is disappearing from our Fraternity. I have, during the last summer and autumn, traveled a great deal through this State, and under circumstances which repeatedly brought large masses of our fellow-citizens under my immediate observation, under circumstances of excited feeling and enthusiasm and, I mention it with feelings of deep congratulation, that in all cases where I recognized our brethren, among the thousands, their conduct was characterized by sobriety, dignity and moderation. This is not only a credit and an honor to our brethren, but a tribute to Masonry. It is to be regretted that our political and partisan struggles can not be controlled by that spirit of Masonry which teaches moderation, affability and kindness in all our intercourse with our fellow-beings. This spirit, however, is rapidly becoming a characteristic element among us as a people; and it is curious to note the increased manifestations of that spirit as Masonry increases the diffusion of her sublime light and the dissemination of her system of philosophic ethics.

Intemperate habits in the use of strong drinks among our brothers ought to be severely punished by our Lodges. There is no excuse or palliation that can be now offered for it; and I trust that, in a short time, drunkenness will be unknown among Masons. Our Order owes it to mankind, as

well as to herself as a moral institution, to wash her hands before the world of these plague spots so incompatible with her professions of moral purity. Drunkenness in a Mason is such a compromise with dignity, manhood, and individual sovereignty, as to render its victim entirely unworthy of the title of Free Mason." No man can be free who is a slave to his passions, his lusts, or his appetites. True manhood, the spirit of freedom, and the force of independence, are manifested in openly meeting our seducing lusts, appetites and passions, and, without aid from others, but by force of our own moral will, wrestling with and conquering them. In the victory over his own passions, by force of his own will, is embodied the true greatness of virtue. He who has met himself in such a conflict, who has battled with himself, and has arisen, freed from moral bondage, may well be called a "Free Mason," and may well claim our highest approval and commendation. But, when all mankind are growing wiser and better, and when our institution is tendering her aid, as a moral instrument in the great work of humanity, the brother who will embarrass her efforts, reproach her good name and bring her into shame and scandal by his drunkenness and immorality, is unworthy the honored title of FREE MASON.

My Brethren — You have thrice elected me to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Body, and to take in charge, during its vacations, the important trust of its affairs, and the honor and welfare of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. For three years I have labored most arduously to discharge the trusts thus committed to my care in a manner to reflect honor upon the order of Masonry without compromising any of the rights and sovereign prerogatives of the Grand Lodge, and without infringing or trenching on the immunities of its subordinates, or the rights and privileges of the individual members of the time honored Order.

These duties are, indeed, arduous, and each year become more laborious. I have found these responsibilities to

increase, and these labors to multiply with the increased number of Lodges and the augmentation of our constituency.

The most profound and skilful jurist, notwithstanding his learning in the elementary philosophy of municipal law and his experience in its application in the practice of civil tribunals, must necessarily meet many difficulties in expounding Masonic law, and in establishing precedents in its peculiar jurisprudence. Its liberal and broad doctrines of charity, humanity and mercy, inextricably interwoven with its stringent and unrelaxing theories of morals, its exact and imperious axioms in the philosophy of life, and its inflexible landmarks and language of symbolic ritualism are constantly developing, in the course of their administration, questions of great difficulty, and radical propositions which, at first sight, often appear irreconcilable and incompatible with each other and with strict equity.

The correspondence of the Grand Master has become very laborious. We have now nearly three hundred Lodges, with a constituency of about twenty thousand. In nearly every other Grand Jurisdiction of this magnitude, the duties and labors of the Grand Master are greatly modified by that system of administration which gives the Grand Master the aid of District Deputies, and which, in fact, relieves him from most of his heavier duties.

Brethren, in the discharge of the duties imposed upon me by you, I have, during the three years of my administration, endeavored to do right in every instance. If I have failed, in any case, it was not my fault, knowing the right, but my weakness in not knowing it. If the work of my hands meets your approbation, then will I know that it has been well done, the approval of my own conscience being sanctioned by the endorsement of your scrutinizing wisdom.

I will not be a candidate for re-election before you. If re-elected, I would feel obliged to decline the honor of acceptance. If the position of Grand Master is one of honor

it is but just that some other one of our worthy brethren should enjoy that honor; if it is one of labor and difficulty, it is but just that the burden should rest upon some fresh co-laborer.

In the discharge of my duties as your Grand Master, I have been greatly aided by the wise counsels and ever-ready aid of the several Grand Officers chosen by you from time to time to support me in my duties.

To these Grand Officers I now tender my cordial thanks. The relation between us has been to me always pleasant and opportune. They have my thanks.

Brethren—At the close of this Grand Communication, the relation which has subsisted for three years between us will cease. I will ever look to that relation with unalloyed pleasure, notwithstanding its encumbrance of labor and difficulty. I will also, for all time, regard with paternal solicitude that band of mystic brothers who three times, by their choice, elevated me to preside over them. Brethren, you have my thanks. May peace, prosperity and harmony abound among you, and may our beloved Order ever prove herself worthy of her high profession — “Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.”

S. C. COFFINBURY.

The report of Thos. U. Flanner, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula, was then read by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and ordered to be printed in the proceedings:

REPORT.

HANCOCK, December 29th, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888.

S. C. Coffinbury, M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Michigan:

At the close of another Masonic year, it becomes my pleasant duty to report to you the harmonious and prosperous condition of the Craft in this portion of your jurisdiction. The fidelity, industry, and skill of the brethren may, perhaps, be inferred from the fact that but very few questions involving Masonic jurisprudence have been submitted to me by the Lodges, and that I have had no occasion to exercise the dispensing power committed to me during the year.

Soon after the last session of the Grand Lodge, I visited Eagle Harbor, and instituted Keweenaw Lodge, and installed its officers in due form. I was accompanied by Worshipful Brothers Jno. Duncan and Thos. N. Lee, Jr., of Quincy and Houghton Lodges, who materially assisted in properly performing the work, etc. The Masonic zeal and ability of the officers and members of this new Lodge are worthy of commendation, and the work they have brought up for inspection is such as will stand the test of the Overseer's square.

I received a petition from Ontonagon Lodge, asking permission to remove their Lodge to Greenland. There were some reasons why such a change might have been desirable; but, as the proposed location of the Lodge was within five miles of Rockland Lodge, and that Lodge protesting against the removal, on the ground of the impropriety of intruding upon the legitimate jurisdiction of an established Lodge, and, believing that one healthy, vigorous Lodge was better than two weak and ineffective ones, I thought it better not to grant a Dispensation authorizing the change.

The brethren at Marquette were heavy losers in the disastrous conflagration which occurred there last spring. The Lodge, I believe, lost all their furniture, jewels, clothing, etc. The Charter, I am informed, was saved. I think there might be a propriety in remitting their Grand Lodge dues, if it meets your approbation.

I, with the Craft generally, had hoped to have had the pleasure of extending a "warm and heart-felt welcome" to you in person during the past summer. We should have been glad to have submitted our work to your examination and correction, but, as this gratification has been denied us, I can only say for myself and the Lodges that all, I think, have been actuated by an earnest desire to excel in good works, and to promote the prosperity, usefulness, and discreet diffusion of our

beloved Order. Again, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the generous confidence so long reposed in me, and to assure you that your constant kindness and consideration has been most highly appreciated.

Fraternally,

THOS. U. FLANNER,

D. D. G. M. for Upper Peninsula.

On motion of W. Bro. J. B. Newton, the address of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a Special Committee of three for division and reference. Whereupon W. Bros. J. B. Newton, J. A. Shingledecker and J. C. Parker, were appointed such Committee.

W. Bro. A. B. Cudworth presented an appeal from the action of Pontiac Lodge, No. 21, in the case of W. Bro. Mark Walter, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor by the M. W. Grand Master, when the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer.

The R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer then submitted his annual report, which was accepted and ordered printed.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The undersigned, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, respectfully reports, that having been honored with your suffrages and confidence during the past twelve years, it may not be improper on this occasion to refer to the progress of our Order within our Jurisdiction, and especially to the period that has fallen more immediately under my observation.

Permit me here to remark, that having been a member of the Masonic Fraternity at as early a period of my life as the rules of the Order permitted; and, also, a legally authorized Lecturer on the higher degrees of Masonry in my native State, it will be readily understood that I watched with no small degree of interest the progress of Free Masonry in Michigan. It was apparent to the resident Masons who had been thoroughly instructed, and retained, even, indistinct recollection of their early instruction, that a kind of *Mongrelized* language and work—if I may use the expression—had crept into our halls, which, like tares among pure grain, required weeding out. This was not the fault of our elder Brothers—the pioneers of our Order in Michigan—with the light before them they did the best they could and are entitled to our respect and gratitude. As Grand Visitor and Lecturer I have endeavored to do them justice, as the following extract, and others of a similar character in my reports, will show:

Neither is it strange, that the faithful brothers who emigrated to Michigan from, perhaps, every State of the Union, and from almost every civilized nation in the world, when they devoted their energies at an early period to building up our Order in this State, should have found themselves perplexed with conflicting views respecting the true Masonic Ritual. Possessing, however, the grand essentials of Free Masonry, which never have been lost through ages of time and periods of ignorant and bitter persecutions of the Order, they revealed the essential mysteries to the *initiates* with the lights they possessed, and explained those mysteries in language necessarily gathered from varied and uncertain memories. Thus our early Lodges worked on in faith, each Lodge gradually enlarging and acquiring forms and language somewhat peculiar to itself.

At the period to which this extract alludes, it is well known that the Lodges in most, if not in all, the jurisdictions of the United States, from similar causes, were in a similar condition.

In order to promote uniformity, by expelling the flickering and uncertain lights which rendered the darkness more visible, some of the

ablest and brightest Masons in the land, from twenty-seven States of the Union, assembled in Convention at Baltimore in 1843, and from their true and faithful memories engrafted on the body of Free Masonry the almost forgotten treasures of the past, robing it in the grand vestments of centuries, and adorning it with the pure symbolical literature of former days, which never can mislead.

Thus divested of the useless rubbish which had gathered around it, like the moss on the walls of a once beautiful and time-worn temple, they presented it to the Craft, not as their work, but as the work of ages, the substance and the essence of all that is known, or, perhaps, ever will be known of the first three degrees of Free Masonry, of which this Grand Lodge is but a link in the vast chain that connects each Mason with the workmen on the unfinished Temple, nearly three thousand years ago.

The early Lodges of Michigan were aware that their work was defective, which led to the adoption in 1845 of what was then called the Baltimore, or National work. Notwithstanding this edict of the Grand Lodge, the lectures and work were slowly and imperfectly introduced into our Lodges, as appears from the following extract from a report of a Committee of this Grand Lodge, presented and published in the proceedings ten years after the adoption of the edict. The Committee say, "They are satisfied that there are only about *one-sixth* of the Lodges in this jurisdiction that confer the degrees in accordance to the work adopted by this Grand Lodge."

From after observation, I am convinced that the report of the Committee, in the main, was correct; but they might with propriety have gone even further, and stated that not a Lodge in this jurisdiction had applied the lectures to the work, and the work to the lectures, as originally designed to harmonize—dove-tail together, as it were, in units—the principle, theory, and work embraced in the revised ritual and work of the Baltimore Convention. That this was known to the Grand Lodge is apparent from the following language, embraced in a resolution adopted at the Communication held in January, 1857:

Resolved. That the Grand Visitor and Lecturer be instructed to visit during the coming year each Lodge in this Jurisdiction, and shall perfect in the Lectures and Work of the three degrees the Worshipful Master, Seignor and Junior Wardens.

At this Communication I was first elected Grand Visitor and Lecturer, having eighty-four Lodges working under Charters to instruct and six under Dispensations. Although the edicts of the Grand Lodge since 1825 have always been mandatory, and not mere recommendations, there were difficulties in the way of speedily establishing uniformity in the Lectures and Work of the Lodges which have not been entirely overcome until within the last three years.

I deemed it my duty in one of my reports to inform the Grand Lodge of this want of uniformity, in the following language: "To *unlearn* what they had taken so much pains to acquire, and to conform

at once, and with alacrity, to the resolution of the Grand Lodge was scarcely to be expected. * * * And if it shall be found that there are still a few of our Lodges working and lecturing in a spirit of apparent innovation upon the Lectures and Work adopted by the Grand Lodge, we must regard that spirit and those innovations with brotherly kindness for the sake of the noble work performed by our senior Brethren at an early day, when our Institution was revived within our borders and received an upward impulse through their devoted labors—leaving to 'Time, patience and perseverance, which accomplish all things,' the introduction of entire uniformity throughout the whole of our Masonic Lodges."

That time, at last, has arrived. Go into the two hundred and forty-four Lodges reported within this Jurisdiction at the last Communication, and those working since under Dispensations—question the Masters, the Wardens, and the Brethren from the borders of our lower lakes, all over this Peninsula, and onward to the rugged shores of Lake Superior, where the Lodges are springing up, amid their picturesque scenery, under the supervision of our worthy Brother Flanner, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the Upper Peninsula, and everywhere you will find order and uniformity in the Lectures, Work and minor details of the Lodges, as far as human imperfection will permit.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brothers: The wisdom of your action in former years has led to these results; this is your work and you may well be proud of it. If, as an humble instrument in your hands, I have aided, in my feeble abilities, in promoting your grand purpose, it is but another evidence of the Scriptural Truth, "That the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong."

During the past year my health has been good, and enabled me to attend promptly to the calls and invitations received as Grand Visitor and Lecturer, except in one instance—that of a remote Lodge, under Dispensation. As this call was received quite recently, and during inclement weather, I requested a well-instructed and intelligent brother to visit the Lodge and report to me its condition, so that no injury will be sustained by the Craft.

On my different routes during the year, I have also inspected and exemplified the work to many of the Lodges to which I was not specially called; but my final conclusions on the progress and present condition of the Order in this State, as freely expressed in this report, were drawn from actual inspection of the Lodges during a series of years. I believe there are but two Lodges in your jurisdiction—the one alluded to above, and another in the Upper Peninsula, under Dispensation—in which I have not, at different times, lectured and exemplified the work.

Before closing, permit me to express my gratitude for your continued brotherly kindness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

STILLMAN BLANCHARD.

REPORT.

The Special Committee on the division and reference of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, for division and reference, respectfully report and recommend its division and reference as follows:

That so much as refers to

1. Dispensations and Charters, to the Standing Committee on Examinations.
 2. Questions and Decisions of Masonic Law, to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.
 3. Expenses of Grand Officers to Philadelphia, to attend laying corner stone of Masonic Temple, to the Standing Committee on Accounts.
 4. Expenses of Grand Lodge at the Emergent Communication to lay corner stone of City Hall in Detroit.
 5. Suggestions in relation to Masonic Temple for this Grand Lodge, levying an assessment upon Lodges or increasing Grand dues, to the Standing Committee on Masonic Temple.
 6. The subject of the difficulty in Leslie Lodge, to a special Committee of three.
 7. Burning of Bloomingdale Lodge, Charter and Jewels, and holding no election, to a Special Committee on Lodges destroyed by fire.
- That so much as refers to the Dispensation granted in 1867 to form a new Lodge at Elm Hall be referred to the Committee on Examination

J. B. NEWTON,
J. A. SHINGLEDECKER,
J. B. PARKER.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Special Committees, to wit:

On Division No. 6, in the matter of Leslie Lodge No. 212.—W. Bro. Hugh McCurdy, H. Chamberlin and D. Striker.

On Division No. 7, in the matter of Lodges Destroyed by Fire.—W. Bro. A. D. Crane, J. S. North and L. W. Clapp.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence then presented their annual report as follows, which was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings:

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence appointed at the last session respectfully report that, in answer to copies of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge, at its last session, sent to sister Grand Lodges, we have received their Proceedings as follows:

State.	Year.	State.	Year.
Alabama,.....	December, 1897	Maryland,.....	November, 1897. May, 1898
Alabama, Masonic Code,...		Maine,.....	May, 1898
Arkansas,.....	November, 1897	Missouri,.....	October, 1898
California,.....	October, 1897	Montana,.....	October, 1897
Connecticut,.....	May, 1898	New York,.....	June, 1898
Canada,.....	July, 1898	North Carolina,.....	December, 1897
District of Columbia, for the year	1897	New Hampshire,.....	June, 1897
Delaware,.....	June, 1898	Nebraska,.....	1897 to 1897
Florida,.....	June, 1898	New Brunswick,.....	June, 1898
France, monthly bulletin,.....	1898	New Jersey,.....	June, 1898
Georgia,.....	October, 1897	Nevada,.....	September, 1898
Iowa,.....	June, 1898	Oregon,.....	June, 1898
Illinois,.....	October, 1897	South Carolina,.....	November, 1897
Indiana,.....	May, 1898	Texas,.....	June, 1898
Idaho,.....	December, 1897	Tennessee,.....	October, 1897
Kansas,.....	October, 1897	Virginia,.....	December, 1897
Kentucky, rep. Com. on F. C.	1898	Washington Territory,....	September, 1897
Louisiana,.....	July, 1898	Wisconsin,.....	June, 1898
Massachusetts,....	March to December, 1897	West Virginia,.....	November, 1897

It gives us pleasure to say, after a perusal of these Proceedings, that peace and harmony prevails among our sister jurisdictions, and that brotherly love abounds.

Respecting their Doings, the time was when many subjects of Masonic law and usage were discussed, sometimes with warmth, when various issues were before the Masonic world, calling forth argument, sometimes heated. At the present time, it is the agreeable duty of your Committee to note the almost entire unanimity of opinion among Grand Lodges on principles of Masonic law and jurisdiction of Masonic bodies.

Our review, then, of these Proceedings almost resolves itself into a simple recital of their doings, dropping a tear with those who mourn, and rejoicing with those whose prosperity causes them to rejoice.

As we have said in former reports, it is sometimes a difficult task to present a view of the doings of our sister Grand Lodges satisfactory to

ourselves, owing to the superabundance of material and the ever-perplexing question of when to abbreviate and condense, and when to amplify and enlarge. We, therefore, respectfully ask your forbearance for any apparent shortcomings in this particular.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Master E. H. English presiding. His opening address commences with a dissertation on the symbolism and influence of Masonry. In illustration of the latter he alludes to the Masons of the North sending bread to feed starving families in the South, and among others the Grand Lodge of New York, he says, sent Five Thousand Dollars, and speaks of the emotions of gratitude in the destitute recipients, and applying this fact to his theme he calls the Grand Lodge of New York "*a great Light*."

They have, for years, been endeavoring to endow "St. John's College," which, he thinks, has a hopeful future, but may prove a dream.

In reply to M. W. Bro. Guilbert's (of Iowa) suggestion to endow asylums for aged and indigent Masons, he says that may do for the rigorous climate of Iowa, with its cold wind winds, snows and sleet, but in happy Arkansas they have no great need of poor-houses and not much fancy to live in them—"we want a College." Among his decisions, was his ruling, that a Lodge cannot voluntarily surrender its Charter while *seven* members vote to retain it.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence quote largely from our M. W. Bro. Coffbury's address at Adrian, and says, the pleasure of reading it is a sufficient apology for the length of the quotation.

There are 203 Lodges; 14 Under Dispensation; Number of members, initiations, etc., not given.

M. W. E. H. English and R. W. Wm. D. Blocher were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Since the above was written we have copies of their proceedings of November, 1868.

G. M. English's address opens with a "strange story" told him by a venerable Hebrew, respecting Solomon, a raven and a worm, by whose aid the stones were quarried from the mountains. He challenges the prevailing opinion that if a man can neither read nor write, he is necessarily uneducated. We protest against his proposed innovation of placing the bird on our carpets. He says:

The goose is usually employed as a symbol of simplicity. A silly man is called a goose. Yet the wild geese manifest so much wisdom, that they might, with propriety, have a place upon our carpets as well as the bee-hive. They navigate the air, for thousands of miles, by day and by night, with unerring accuracy, without a compass; coming south

on the approach of winter, to avoid the rigor of the season in the north, and returning in the spring, to raise their young in wild, rugged districts, unfrequented by man. The flocks usually fly in the form of a triangle, with the point forward, thus cleaving the air more easily than they would in a straight line, and enabling all the flankers to observe the movements of the leader. No Arkansas hunter ever caught a flock of geese feeding upon a sand bar, without one with his long neck erect, watching as a sentinel!

In regard to the relations of Masons to the civil authorities, he says:

May I be permitted, without intending to encroach upon forbidden ground, to say a word in regard to the relation of Masons to the civil institutions. In the state, we are to be orderly, quiet, and law-abiding citizens. We are to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature, and not to be concerned in conspiracy or rebellion, in the proper sense of these terms, against government. If the government is oppressive, or the laws unjust, we have the same right that other citizens have to take the legitimate measures to reform the one, or repeal the others. But the experience of mankind has attested the fact that it is better for a people to submit to the temporary evils visited upon them by a vicious government, than to resort to such rash means of reformation as only tend to produce greater evils. Most wars have arisen from ambition, the love of conquest, or the passions of men. Wars settle nothing, except that the stronger may overrun and plunder the weaker.

There is no logic in the sword. The opinions of men are changed not by the issue of conflicts, but by their sober reflection, after their passions have subsided, their experience, and their observation upon the result of their conduct. If public wars settle nothing, what do private violence and bloodshed settle? They remedy no evil of government, but only tend to disturb the quiet, good order, and peace of communities. I make these remarks not because I suppose they are applicable to any of you, but to induce you to increase your efforts to persuade all men that peaceful remedies are the best cure for political evils.

He says the older he grows the stronger he clings to Masonry; no society binds so many men together by such strong and indissoluble ties.

A L A B A M A .

M. W. Wilson Williams, in his opening address, gratefully acknowledges the Masonic relief extended to them from different parts of the United States in their hour of need.

He refused several applications for Dispensations to initiate some who had lost a limb. He granted nine for the establishment of new

Lodges. Masonry is reported to be in an excellent condition in this jurisdiction.

They acknowledge thankfully the receipt of an "altar piece" by the hands of Bro. John C. Reynolds, Dep. G. S., of Illinois.

The Grand Secretary reported having received returns from 140 Lodges, with the names of 720 brethren who had lost their lives in the Confederate army. It was proposed to print in a book. It was referred to a Committee, who reported, and their report was laid on the table.

An Entered Apprentice made in an Army Lodge no longer in existence, the applicant unable to furnish documentary or verbal evidence to prove himself an Entered Apprentice, it was held he must apply as any other applicant *de novo*.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence quote largely from our M. W. Bro. Coffinbury's address at Adrian in 1867.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 140; members, 9,707; initiated, 755; rejected, 258; affiliated, 599; expelled, 35.

M. W. Geo. D. Norris, Grand Master. Rev. Daniel Sayre was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Craft in this Jurisdiction are prosperous, and the general condition of their affairs affords them pleasing and agreeable satisfaction. G. M. Claiborne decided that a petition signed with a cross-mark was *prima facie* evidence of the unfitness of the candidate. Numerous applications for recognition being made by those claiming to have been made Masons in Military Lodges, he ordered, as a condition precedent to their examination, that they should produce proof under the seal of the Grand Lodge that such Military Lodge was by them legally established. He closes his address by an earnest exhortation to be careful in recommending candidates, reminding brethren that it is not a mere matter of form but a personal pledge of honor to the Lodge that the petitioner possesses positive qualifications which will contribute to the "honor, glory and reputation of the Institution." He likewise advises more care to be exercised in the examination of strange brethren.

Five new Lodges U. D. were organized.

Every Lodge paid its dues, none being in arrears and the Grand Secretary believes that few, if any, other Grand Lodges have heretofore been able to present so creditable a financial report. He would, of course, except Michigan, none of whose Lodges for a number of years had been in arrears.

We regret that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence did not have the Proceedings of Michigan before them when they wrote their report.

The Masters of the Lodges in San Francisco, composing the Masonic Board of Relief, memorialized the Grand Lodge, setting forth, among other things, that their city naturally receives a large majority of Masons from other jurisdictions, who, arriving in the State, require Masonic assistance; and further, that they relieve numbers from Lodges in the interior. They, therefore, ask that the Lodges in the jurisdiction be taxed for charitable purposes, the fund to be expended in San Francisco, and that it be made incumbent on Lodges to refund to the Board of Relief the amount expended by them on their members.

The Special Committee to whom this was referred, believe the Lodges in the interior owe it to themselves and to justice to aid in every manner their brethren in San Francisco in succoring foreign brethren, and admit it requires no argument to show the justice of interior Lodges reimbursing the city Lodges for aid to their members, but do not deem it advisable to enact any law upon that subject at present.

DECISIONS. — A brother, a party to a trial, is not entitled to a transcript of the record of the trial and evidence when an appeal is made to the Grand Lodge; that such record and proceedings belong to the secret archives of the Lodge.

A brother who was supposed, improperly and almost generally, to use the black ball on the admission of candidates, and for that reason and for harsh expressions relative to the election of a candidate, was not allowed to enter the Lodge. Held: A member is at all times entitled to admission while he conducts himself with order and propriety, and should not be excluded except for a violation of such rules. In answer to the question, whether the Grand Master can order the trial of an accused member by another Lodge, when it is apparent that a fair trial cannot be had in his own Lodge, it was held the trial must be had in his own Lodge, and that in the unimaginable case of a Lodge refusing a fair trial, an appeal to the Grand Lodge would subject such Lodge to severe discipline.

STATISTICS. — Initiated, 830; rejected, 107; number of members, 7,568.

William A. Davies, Grand Master, and Alexr. G. Abell, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The past year has been one of prosperity in this Jurisdiction, and their annual returns show a healthy growth and harmony has prevailed. The number of Lodges has been greatly increased and their membership is now counted by thousands; this we gather from the address of G. M. Wm. Storer. Among his decisions was one relative to the necessity of again installing an officer re-elected. He does not deem it necessary, as officers are installed to serve until their successors are

elected and installed; yet, if perfectly convenient, he would install re-elected officers.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice favorably our proceedings for 1867.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 108; Under Dispensation, 2; initiated, 1,000; expelled, 10; rejected, 411.

Wm. Storer, M. W. Grand Master; Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

' C A N A D A .

Masonry in our neighboring jurisdiction occupies a high place, and is eminently prosperous. They are more than justified in the step they took a few years ago to place their Grand Lodge in the position occupied by her sisters all over this continent—that is, as the sovereign Masonic power within the political territory.

During the year, they had two special meetings, to assist in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of two churches.

The subject of a General Grand Lodge for Canada is being agitated, the solution of which G. M. Wilson says must be left to time, fearing lest any exhibition on their part of too great a desire to secure the result might delay, if not defeat, that union of the whole Masonic Body in the British Dependencies, which so many are anxious to secure.

Much business of a local nature was transacted, in which much talent was exhibited and much care exhibited, all with the utmost harmony.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a synopsis of our proceedings last year. Speaking of our Grand Master Coffinbury's address, they notice it is largely taken up with a recital of his decisions on Masonic Law, and remark: It is incumbent on Grand Masters to report their decisions, as among their neighbors (in the United States) those decisions are subject to the revision of the Grand Lodge, but apart from this consideration they admit a good purpose in such publications. We infer from this that among our neighbors in Canada, there is no appeal from the decision of M. W. Grand Master, either "on the Throne," or during vacation.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 195; initiations, 1,248; members, 8,023.

M. W. A. A. Stevenson is Grand Master, and R. W. T. B. Harris is Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

Masonry in this jurisdiction is pursuing the even tenor of its way, and the doings of its Grand Lodge show them busy at work, and carefully attending to their interests. G. M. McClintock refused to grant *any* Dispensations to confer the degrees in less than the regular time.

The subject of uniformity of work is agitated, and they forbid the introduction or invitation of brethren from other jurisdiction to exemplify the work, without permission of the Grand Master.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence courteously notice our Proceedings, and give a summary of them.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 17; initiated, 92; rejected, 27; number of members, 922.

E. J. Horner is Grand Master, and J. P. Allmond is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

During the year this Grand Lodge, by invitation, laid the corner stone of three Churches, two of them Baptist and one Lutheran. In September, 1867, they met in Special Communication to attend the funeral of M. W. Geo. C. Whiting, on which occasion the Department Clerks, and the Odd Fellows were in the procession, as well as two Commanderies of Knight Templars, a Lodge of Perfection and Consistory.

They assessed one dollar for each member of the several "Constituent" Lodges; a special assessment to meet pressing liabilities.

G. M. Donaldson says their Lodges generally are prosperous and nothing disturbs their perfect harmony. He also announces with pleasure that the difficulty between them and the Grand Lodge of Virginia, growing out of the Dispensation granted by them to Union Lodge, at Alexandria, has been settled in a fraternal spirit and in a manner honorable to each.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence devotes but a paragraph to us, quoting from our M. W. Bro. Coffinbury's address at Adrian respecting the proportion of initiations and rejections, in one instance, one of the former to thirteen of the latter, remark: "The Lodge must be located in the midst of a pretty hard community."

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 16; initiated, 523; rejected, 176; number of members, 2,288.

M. W. B. B. French is Grand Master, and N. D. Lamer, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

Edward Bradford, as Grand Master, congratulates his brethren upon their privileges, blessed with health, with peace and he trusts with prosperity, and as Masons with a spirit of love for each other and good will and charity to all mankind. Deploing the condition of "our once happy country," he yet finds comfort in the fact that the din of war is no longer heard, and although there may still be strife in the political arena, yet, he says, our Northern brethren have reached forth their hands for fraternal fellowship, saying: "Peace be unto you;" they did not doubt, but "eagerly grasped the extended hand and bid them welcome; thus has the wound been healed." He then proceeds to state in glowing terms, his cordial reception, by Masonic brethren, when on a visit to New York. He proceeds to quote largely from our Grand Master's address at Adrian, and remarks: The foregoing remarks contains so much of love and charity, written with such a genuine Masonic spirit, fraught with such useful and instructive lessons, that he felt constrained to make the quotations.

They appropriately notice the death of P. G. Master Thomas Brown, and pay suitable honors to his memory as a man, a mason, and a citizen, who had held many and important public offices. He was elected Governor of the State and served in that office four years. They deplore his loss as one of their brightest, best and most exemplary members. He died, well stricken in years, at the age of nearly 83 years.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 57; initiations, 234; members, 1,783.

D. C. Hawkins is Grand Master and H. A. Corley, Grand Secretary.

FRANCE.

We have the pleasure of receiving monthly bulletins of the Grand Orient of France.

After reading the masterly review of them by M. W. John W. Simons, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of New York, we abandoned our intentions of preparing a summary, and have the pleasure of presenting that of our M. W. brother.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Orient was held in the city of Paris on the 10th day of June last, 282 subordinate bodies, of various grades, being represented by 260 brethren.

Grand Master Mellinet presided, and opened the session by a brief address, in which he congratulated the brethren upon the continued prosperity attending their labors.

The finances are declared to be in a most satisfactory condition.

Speaking of the debates on the regulations about to be adopted, he reminds the Grand Orient that sound reasons are to be offered rather than fine speeches.

He refers to the disposition made manifest by some Lodges to admit atheists to initiation, and invites such a formal declaration on the subject as shall forever set the question at rest and maintain the true character of the Institution.

At a subsequent period, the Grand Orient, by an overwhelming majority, gave the required vote.

The session was taken up with the discussion and amendment of the regulations (three hundred and thirty-three articles) auxiliary to and explanatory of the Constitution, and the discussion and adoption of the financial budget.

On the 15th, the Legislative Assembly having been closed, the International banquet was held, at which there were present the representatives of thirty-two foreign Grand Lodges and Grand Orients, besides many visiting brethren having no official character.

After the customary honors had been rendered these brethren, and acknowledged in their behalf by one of their number, Bro. Battaille, from the Committee on "Recompenses," made a report worthy in every sense of its distinguished author. After a glowing and brilliant tribute to the labors of Masonry in general, and a statement of its undying principles, he proceeded to name the several recipients of the medal of honor awarded by the Grand Orient to those who had deserved well of Masonry. Each reward was accompanied by a statement of the act or acts which had led to its presentation. We have not space for the details, but we gladly reproduce the names, as follows:

1. Reunion Lodge, at Toulon, for devoted and courageous service during the visitation of cholera in 1865.

2. Bro. Morvan, for devotion to those stricken with cholera, at L'Orient, in the same year.

3. Capt. Mitchel, an English brother, for saving the lives of twenty French seamen, in Mexico, in 1862.

4. Bro. Montdesir, for eminent services during the earthquake at Point a Pitre, in 1843.

5. Bros. Kermovan, Canonville, and Icery, for eminent services to Masonry in Mauritius.

- 6 Bro. Fremier, for having saved the Lodge archives from fire at Valparaiso, in 1862, at the risk of his own life.

7. Bro. Cohen, of Constantine, for long-continued services to humanity against fire, flood, and epidemic.

8. Bro. Auguste Lafage, of Rochelle, for saving a man from drowning, in the night, at the imminent risk of his own life.

9. Bro. Vuitton, founder of a Lodge, and for seventeen consecutive years its Master, and during all that time a firm and consistent champion of Masonry.

10. Bro. Bremond, for defending, at his own risk, a Lodge mistakenly accused by the civil authorities.

11. Bro. Labbe, for courageous defense of the liberty of conscience.

We may remark that these rewards are made periodically—once in ten years, we believe—and are held up by the Grand Orient as an inducement to all its disciples to illustrate by practice the teachings of our Craft.

We know of no reason why a similar institution might not furnish incentives to our brethren to merits its awards, and leave to their generations the medal of honor as a precious inheritance.

Then followed the banquet, at which about one thousand brethren sat down, but which, beyond the fact of so many nations being represented, presented nothing of note.

Among the memorials referred to the Grand Council for future action were two praying the Grand Orient to use its influence to cause a change in the laws of foreign Grand Orientes where the initiation of persons of Israelitish faith is forbidden.

During the year several distinguished members of this Grand Orient have been called to the silent land. Among them we note Bro. Heuillant, a Past Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Lengle, Deputy Grand Master, charged with the foreign correspondence of the Grand Orient.

To those unacquainted with the social condition of France, a correct estimate of the difficulties under which the Masonic Institution labors could hardly be arrived at. Opposed, harassed, and misrepresented at every turn by the representatives of a religious body drawing a part, at least, of its support from the State, and thus from the toil of Masons themselves, the infirmities of human nature may plead for them if occasionally they forget Masonic inspirations, and turn upon those who seek to rend them. Generally throughout France the religious institution alluded to refuses the right of sepulture to Masons, except upon condition of *ante-mortem* renunciation, and it forbids its temples to the brethren who would fain pay the last tribute of respect to the fraternal dead. In other cases, and when this obstacle is not interposed, they are obliged to obtain a permit from the civil authorities to surround the grave of a brother and bid adieu to his remains with the accustomed formalities of the Craft. The lack of educational facilities among the people, and the inviting field thus left to superstition and prejudice, add to the difficulties in the way of the Craft, and make the devotion of the brethren an act of true heroism. It is always easier to criticise the faults and shortcomings of others than it is to resist temptation when we ourselves are exposed to it; and we,

secure in the popular esteem, enjoying our portion of popular freedom of thought and speech and action, and safe in this strong defense against the futile envy of fanaticism, may well find a large share of allowance for those who seek to maintain our cause and uphold its banners in a land where men have conscience-keepers, fed by the State to torture and misrepresent the acts and designs of their fellows. Our brethren in France, fortunately for themselves and for the Institution in their charge, perceive that the strong point of their enemies is in the want of education among the masses, and they wisely seek to counteract it, not by a weak resort to vituperation and abuse, but by disseminating intelligence among the people, and thus preparing them to resist error and become disciples of the truth. In due time they will succeed, and then Masonry will flourish, as it always flourishes where mind is untrammelled by superstition.

It is worthy of note that the Grand Orient publishes each year a full report of the debates at its annual assemblies; many of the speeches giving evidence of superior cultivation and profound appreciation of the essential doctrines of the Craft.

GEORGIA.

From the address of M. E. John Harris we learn they have "occasional disturbances in some lodges, by disorderly members." He did not issue any Dispensations for new Lodges. He feelingly acknowledges the receipt of the Bible belonging to Atlanta Lodge and the charter of Newbern Lodge, through the Grand Master of Ohio and the Grand Secretary of Indiana, and gratefully recounts charitable donations, and reports a highly improved moral condition in the Lodges and with the fraternity generally. The Grand Lecturer, George L. Barry, likewise adds his testimony to the same effect.

In marked contrast to others of its kind, standing alone, is the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, signed by this same George L. Barry and two others, but in a note appended says, in justice to Brothers Glenn and Smith, that neither of them is responsible for any thing contained it. His report begins with a long lament "of our ill-fated Confederacy," and in reviewing the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, "he expected to meet much that was offensive to Southern Masons," and, of course, he was not disappointed. The coarse vituperation, bordering on blasphemy, with which he assails our Grand Lodge and many of our honored brethren, calling them even by name, is, however, fully equaled in other parts of his report, which is but a tissue of unfraternal invective and unseemly raillery. The resolution ordering it "to be printed without being read," accounts for its seeing the light, else, doubtless, it had other uses.

They disclaim all connection with the Georgia State lotteries for the benefit of the Masonic Orphans' Home.

STATISTICS.—Initiation, 90; members, 14,164; Lodges, 262.

M. W. John Harris is Grand Master, and S. Rose is Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Grand Master Reuben Mickel, presided. He granted Dispensations during the year for 21 new Lodges. He reports universal peace and tranquility having prevailed among the Lodges, and there has been very little necessity for discipline in the correction of errors. In conclusion he says the Order was never more prosperous and never more popular, and hence he enjoins a spirit of watchfulness, of union and harmony among ourselves.

During their session, the Grand Lodge, by invitation, laid the corner stone of the United States Court House and Post Office.

It was asked who are entitled to seats on the "Dais." Answer. The Grand Master and his Deputy, all P. G. Masters, the Representatives of Grand Lodges, and of such other Past-elective Grand Officers as the Grand Master may elect to invite thereto.

It was resolved to enforce the requirements of members of the Grand Lodge to be clothed with their jewels at the session.

DECISIONS.—Can a Mason, suspended in another Jurisdiction, be accepted by a Lodge in this State as a candidate for initiation?

Answer.—No. He is a "Suspended Mason" and must first be restored by the Lodge suspending him.

Can charges be preferred in a Lodge against a former Master for offences committed while he was Master?

Answer.—Yes, if for gross U. M. C., and not of an official character.

When a Fellow-Craft's application for advancement is rejected, his good standing in the Lodge is not thereby affected.

STATISTICS.—Lodges enrolled, 232; Do. under Dispensation, 7; No. represented at the session, 131; initiated, 1,467; members, 9,774.

M. W. Reuben Mickel is Grand Master, and R. W. T. S. Parvin is Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Fifty-seven new Lodges were organized in this Jurisdiction during the year.

Many new halls were built, some of them in a style of magnificence not surpassed by any in the country. G. M. Gorin strongly

deprecates the use of Masonic emblems for the purpose of advertising or attracting business, and recommends that such use be forbidden under the penalty of expulsion. He also thinks the matter of avouchments in Lodges is greatly abused, and asks the special attention of Masters and Wardens to the subject. He denounces those parties who are still operating in the manufacture and sale of books in cypher, and recommends the expulsion of those who manufacture and sell, give or receive anything written or printed as aids in the secret work or ritual not authorized by the Grand Lodge. He severely reprehends "gift enterprises" under the plea of benefit to Masonic charities; he names several undertakings in New York which were represented to have been "regular deceptive swindles."

To avoid a large accumulation of E. A. and F. C. he recommends that they be dropped from the rolls and be compelled to commence again, by petition, unless they apply for advancement in one year after initiation. He reiterates the recommendation of P. G. M. Bromwell that members of the Grand Lodge appear at the session wearing their jewels of office.

An amendment to their by-laws was proposed to require from applicants for the Degrees a residence in the State for at least two years; it lies over, under the rules, for one year. Another proposition also lays over for a year, viz: a resolution that no petition shall be balloted on until it has been three months before the Lodge, and that E. A. and F. C. shall each remain three months before advancement.

A Lodge working in the German language complained that many Germans unable to speak English, resident within the jurisdiction of neighboring Lodges, where English only is spoken, are prevented from becoming Masons by such Lodges refusing to grant them permission to apply to said German Lodge, and asked relief in the premises. It was replied that the petition should not be granted, for the Grand Lodge would not infringe on the jurisdiction of her Subordinates.

An amendment proposed the year before, changing the fees for three degrees from *fifteen* to *twenty-five* dollars, was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice our proceedings of 1867 very briefly. They speak of our M. W. Bro. Coffinberry's address as "far above the general range."

STATISTICS.—Number of chartered Lodges, 543; Number under Dispositions, 17; initiated, —; members, 28,164.

M. W. Jerome R. Gorin was elected Grand Master, and R. W. H. G. Reynolds was re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Grand Master H. G. Hazelrigg presided. He commences his address with a vindication or justification of their laws requiring the Grand Master to communicate such matters as he deems of importance to the Craft, whether arising in their own Jurisdiction or derived from the proceedings of other Grand Lodges with whom they are in correspondence, instead of having a report from a Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This, he thinks, is the most appropriate course, but will take no exception if others think differently; this is courteous and masonic.

After reading the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, he comes to the conclusion that "it is a useless effort to try to please everybody," for one jurisdiction almost sneers, another takes them to task, and another applauds them for some things done and others left undone.

He enters largely into the question, what are the "Ancient Landmarks, and concludes "that there are laws of the Fraternity as unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians," but thinks it will be definitely settled what those laws are simultaneously with the Philosopher's Stone; he has made a close and laborious examination of all the old Constitutions, Charges, Regulations, and Landmarks, and finds not one word about Grand Masters making Masons at sight, and concludes that such a power does not nor ever did exist, except when given by the Grand Lodge itself. Respecting the right of appeal from the decision of the Master of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge, he says the Grand Lodge either affirms or reverses the Grand Master's decisions made in vacation, and, if that is proper, is it not equally so upon those made in term time. Most all writers on Masonic jurisprudence hold there is no appeal to the Lodge from the W. M.'s decision. He doubts the correctness of so sweeping a declaration; during the *ceremonial* work of the Lodge, he thinks there are satisfactory reasons why an appeal should not be entertained, but, in making its laws, bestowing its charity, managing its finances, and such like, it would be derogatory to the dignity and self-respect of any deliberative body to deny to it the right and power of self-preservation. Hence, he argues, motions to postpone, amend, lay on the table, are all admissible in a Lodge in its legislative capacity, but would be inadmissible when at "work."

Respecting Lodges under Dispensation, as to their rights and powers, he thinks their laws on the subject are the best, that of giving them all the rights and powers of Chartered Lodges, except that of electing and installing their officers, holding public processions, and being represented in the Grand Lodge.

He next vindicates their law for the trial of Masters of Lodges and Grand Masters, and justifies it to those who charge an infringement of the ancient landmarks by appealing to the Ancient Charges and Regulations, Section 39, which declares the inherent power of annual Grand Lodges to *alter* these for the benefit of the Ancient Fraternity, and he adds that the fourth of the Ancient Charges, that no man is eligible to the office of Master, unless he has been elected, installed, and served as Warden, has been violated by every Grand Lodge in the United States, except four—Iowa, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Wisconsin—in this, that they elect the Deputy Grand Master, instead of his being appointed, as is provided in this Charge.

He further says he has sought for some Masonic meaning to the array of capital letters following the names of some Grand Officers in some jurisdictions, and concludes that "M. D." stands for Master's Degree; "D. D." for two or double degrees; "LL. D. for lawful Lodge degree, in contradistinction to clandestine degrees; but when he comes to 32° and 33°, he gives it up. Referring to his geography, he finds that "°" means degree of latitude or longitude, but in a Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons. What *does* it mean?

The subject of "making Masons of a certain class of our population" engages his attention, and thinks it will be time enough to meet the question when the necessity presents itself, which it certainly does not now.

He issued twenty-two Dispensations for new Lodges.

Sundry members of the I. O. O. F. asked a modification of their rules, so as to allow Lodges of their Order to meet in the same room with Masonic Lodges, but they deemed it inexpedient to make the modification asked for.

STATISTICS.—Initiated, 2,285; members, 20,133; Chartered Lodges, 381; Lodges Under Dispensation, 4.

Martin H. Rice is Grand Master, and John M. Bramwell is Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

On December, 1867, a Convention of the representatives of four Lodges (three of them holding Charters under the Grand Lodge of Oregon and one under the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory), was held, and proceeded to organize a Grand Lodge, under the title of "the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Idaho Territory." They adopted a Constitution, and elected M. W. George H. Coe G. M., and

P. E. Edmondson, Grand Secretary. We cordially greet and fraternally welcome this our young sister, and shall always rejoice to hear of her prosperity.

KANSAS.

G. M. M. S. Adams congratulates his brethren that nothing has occurred in the jurisdiction to mar their harmony. He appropriately notices the death of P. G. Jacob Saqui.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence appropriately and courteously notices our Proceedings for 1867. Their Proceedings are of a local character, and show their zealous care of the interests of the Craft in their jurisdiction.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 62; initiated, 423; number of members, 2,042. M. W. M. S. Adams, G. M.; R. W. E. T. Carr, G. Sec'y.

KENTUCKY.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence have favored us with advance sheets of their report. They briefly, but courteously, review our Proceedings of last year.

LOUISIANA.

Grand Master Norwood, in his address, says, if he has learned Masonry aright, "to be good and to do good" is an epitome of the lessons she teaches, of the moral standard she erects, and to which she invites and urges all her children to attain. His address is principally of his official acts and local matters. He is satisfied that the system of District D. G. Masters has failed to accomplish some of the advantages designed in its creation; yet he is not satisfied that a Grand Lecturer would be the best agency to effect the desired object, and, therefore, suggests that the matter be left to the discretion of the Grand Master, as heretofore, to appoint some competent and discreet brother to visit and illustrate the work adopted by the Permanent Committee, in the different Lodges, whenever occasion may require.

Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, of New Orleans, presented her annual report.

RECEIPTS.

Here receipts were, on hand.....	\$2,043 57
From twelve city Lodges.....	1,030 00
Sundry donations from Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, Chapters of Rose Croix, A. & A. S. Rite, etc.....	994 55
Amount refunded.....	188 30
For use of vaults.....	658 00
Total receipts.....	\$4,914 42

DISBURSEMENTS.

To applicants from the jurisdiction of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, including \$125 to those from Michigan, widows of Louisiana, funeral expenses, etc. \$3,398 00	
On hand.....	1,506 42
	<u>\$4,914 42</u>

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$3,000 to them, to erect a tomb in the Grand Lodge Cemetery.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews our Proceedings for 1867, from which they quote several pages of M. W. Bro. Coffin-bury's address, with warm encomiums on its excellence. They say it breathes the pure spirit of Masonry, and the incidents related should be known and appreciated by every brother in their jurisdiction.

STATISTICS.—Lodges making returns, 117; initiated, 767; number of members, 6,711.

Henry Rufus Swasey is Grand Master, and Samuel M. Todd is Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A Lodge under Dispensation ask for a Charter; the Committee reply, they give them praise for unusual zeal in its formation and progress (they entered, passed and raised twenty-five), but, while according them great zeal and the best motives, they recommend them to the counsel and advice of the D. D. G. M. for their district, and when they shall have amended the errors of the past year, a Charter should be issued to them.

R. W. Bro. W. S. Gardiner presented an elaborate report from a Special Committee on a proposed amendment to their Constitution on the subject of Lodges being incorporated under the laws of the State. They present the same and similar arguments which your Committee reported last year, in speaking of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. They say further:

The history of our Grand Lodge in the days of anti-Masonic excitement affords an example. A Charter had been granted in 1817, and the Legislature of 1834 summoned before it the officers of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of examining them upon Masonic matters. The object in view was no other than a political one of the basest character. But through the sagacity and persevering labor of our Rt. W. Br. Charles W. Moore, the Charter was surrendered, and by the Legislature accepted, and thus the Grand Lodge and its officers became no longer answerable to the General Court of Massachusetts. In Pennsylvania, the officers and members of their Grand Lodge did not escape so easily. Brethren distinguished for their learning, Christian character, and eminent virtues, were arraigned before the Legislature as criminals and outcasts.

At the annual meeting, their Constitution was amended by forbidding Lodges from applying for, receiving or acting under any corporate Charter granted by any Legislature or political government. Should they do so, it declares it to operate as a surrender or revocation of their Charter from the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Charles C. Dame, in his able address, gives the history of Grand Lodges; in the sense we now use the word, comparatively modern institutions, but the legitimate successors (though differing widely in their organization), of that class of Masonic bodies known in early times among our English brethren as "General Assemblies." He then historically traces them from the earliest one bearing the time-marks of authenticity, held on the 27th of December, in the year 926, until the year 1717, when the present Grand Lodge of England was organized, and the Fraternity, not only in England, but throughout the world, were brought under the control of more definite laws and systematic government.

Speaking of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, on the 24th of June, 1867, he says: In numbers and pageantry, the occasion was probably never equalled by any Masonic exhibition in the world. The business of the city was suspended. The Mayor and the city government, as well as the citizens generally, contributed to the success and dignity of the occasion, and the Grand Lodge was honored by the attendance of the President of the United States, several members of his Cabinet, the representatives of the neighboring Grand Lodges, and by more than 12,000 brethren, all of whom marched in procession through the principal streets of the city.

The whole cost of the Temple was \$418,532, and the cost of the furniture, including the organ, is \$35,000 additional. The net liabilities of this Grand Lodge are \$399,713. Their resources to meet this formidable debt are the proceeds of a capitation tax of one dollar, to be collected annually by every Lodge from each of its members. Every Lodge but two have made their returns, and there are but a few individual members who have not met this tax.

Nevertheless, this capitation tax has caused "a great deal of unprofitable and unauthorized discussion," which the Grand Master replies to, and makes an argument which "should be satisfactory to every just and upright Mason." He suggests requiring each initiate hereafter to pay directly to the Grand Lodge the sum of five dollars, to be applied to the payment of the debt.

STATISTICS. — Chartered Lodges, 164; do. under Dispensation, 7; initiated, 2,506; membership, 17,160.

M. W. Chas. C. Dame is Grand Master, and R. W. Solon Thornton is Recording Grand Secretary.

M A R Y L A N D.

They are tried with those living on the borders going over to a foreign jurisdiction, and applying for and receiving the degrees, and resolve that they shall be debarred all the rights and privileges of Free Masons in their jurisdiction.

Grand Secretary Bowers reports himself busily at work instructing the Lodges in the work of the Grand Lodge, and with gratifying success.

At the annual meeting, G. M. Coates says: At no period of its past history has our ancient and honorable Fraternity been so actively engaged in deeds of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; never has it exerted a wider influence for good; ancient prejudices are being removed, old oppositions overcome, and new friends secured by deeds of benevolence and the irresistible logic of fraternal unity and love.

The Grand Inspectors bear testimony to their general good condition, and to the zeal displayed by the officers and members.

They are engaged in erecting a Masonic Temple, and need funds. A Committee appointed for that purpose issued a circular letter, earnestly exhorting and imploring each member to take but a single share in the stock, that a sufficient amount of funds may be raised to enable the Committee to complete the Temple.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 61; initiated, 229; membership, 4,484.

M. W. John Coates is Grand Master, and R. W. Jacob H. Medsiry is Grand Secretary.

M A I N E.

G. M. Murray reports, with peculiar pleasure, from actual knowledge, that in most of the Lodges harmony and brotherly love prevail. Speaking of the places where brethren meet for the practice of our rites, he

says the world judges of our pretensions by the actual character of our members, so it will judge of the character of Masonry somewhat by the externals presented to view. In this matter a good work has been going on—old halls have been cleaned out and refitted—new halls erected and dedicated—and in many parts of the State the Fraternity occupy places that would be a credit to any human organization.

He calls attention to a matter of great and vital importance, viz., the renewal of the old warfare against our Fraternity, and, in this connection, condemns the course of some newly-started Masonic periodicals of the day, in engaging in controversy with the men who assail us, in articles not to be commended in their spirit or language by any true friend of our Order. He counsels that, as ours is not a controversial or belligerent institution, and that its spirit, as well as its teachings, forbid us to wrangle or dispute about it, this crusade waged against us in some quarters, under the name of *Religion*, he says, is but a pretense. *Religion* demands not this warfare. It, therefore, is and can be prompted only by that same spirit of *Sectarianism* manifested and promulgated more than a century ago by our old enemy of Rome, and with whom now, with mingled feelings of pain and sorrow, he sees a portion of Protestant American uniting hands in this unholy work. He counsels that we labor for the honor of our institution; that we maintain our laws, fulfill our obligations, and more fully exemplify our principles in the life and conversation of all who are reckoned among us.

During the session they laid the corner stone of the new Custom House in Ample Form.

By resolution they express an earnest desire that their Lodges shall occupy halls dedicated solely to Masonry, and not used by other organizations.

They likewise resolve that an accepted candidate not presenting himself for initiation for one year shall forfeit all rights, and must petition again.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence courteously but briefly review our Proceedings for 1867. They notice that every Lodge was represented.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 141; do. under Dispensation, 4; initiated, 1,667; membership, 12,963.

M. W. Timothy J. Murray is Grand Master; R. W. Ira Berry is Grand Secretary, and M. W. Josiah H. Drummond is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MONTANA.

G. M. John J. Hale represents Masonry to be in the most flourishing condition in this Territory.

Bro. N. P. Langford, the R. W. Grand Historian, delivered an able and instructive address, recapitulating the leading features in their early

history; himself and three others, on a clear September evening, on their entrance into the Territory, after a journey of fourteen hundred miles from Minnesota, impressed with the grandeur of mountain scenery, left their company and ascended the mountain to its summit, and there, in imitation of our ancient brethren, opened and closed an informal Lodge of Master Masons; and, although he and his companions had often listened to the solemn Ritual of Masonry, yet it never so impressed them as then. Descending, and returning to their camp, each felt that he had been made better and happier for the confidential interchange of Masonic sentiment. During this journey, he happened to be the only Mason in a company of ten or twelve men. They stopped at noon near the bank of a creek for refreshment, when three or four horsemen descended from the mountains into the valley. They were dressed in the coarse but picturesque costume of mountaineers, and, to their inexperienced eyes, seemed to be a troop of brigands, whose movements they regarded with suspicion, and were ready for a hostile encounter. All but one rode on without noticing them. He stopped and engaged in conversation with those of their men who were yoking their oxen. Bro. Langford was at a little distance, adjusting his saddle, and heard him make the inquiry, "Whose train is this?" "Nobody's; we own the wagons among ourselves." "Where are you from?" "From Minnesota." "Was there a man named H. A. Biff in your train?" "No, sir; no such man." "Did you ever hear of such a man?" "I never did," replied one. "I know of no one of that name," said another.

The brethren of Mount Moriah Lodge, under Dispensation, at Salt Lake City, working under a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, granted in 1866, state that, being at work slowly and surely, an issue was raised how to treat Mormons who claimed to be Masons. The question was submitted to M. W. Jos. De Bell, Grand Master, who directed them not to admit them as visitors or affiliate Mormons claiming to be Masons, nor receive petitions from them for initiation.

They were indignant, they say, and appealed to the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and conceded, although they could not masonically exclude a brother on religious grounds, they could exclude polygamists on general reasons. This was not satisfactory to the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and they refused to grant them a Charter, whereupon they now ask the

It so happening that Bro. Langford had a short time before traveled the same road that had been traveled by the missing man, he was enabled to answer his inquiries. It was the first meeting with a brother in the Territory, and a friendship was then formed through the instrumentality of Masonry, which could not otherwise have found existence.

Such were the beginnings of the organization of our Institution in the mountains of Montana, where it is taking root, and promises to be a tree of goodly proportions. That its future may be propitious is our fraternal prayer.

Grand Lodge of Montana to grant them one. This they refused on the ground of their assumption that the Grand Lodge of Nevada does not possess the power to determine who are not proper persons to be initiated into Masonry in Lodges working under its jurisdiction; and is defiant in its tone, and subversive of the principle in Masonry which accords to every Grand Lodge absolute control over the Lodges under its jurisdiction.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 12; initiated, 97; rejected, 40; membership, 355.

MISSISSIPPI.

The brethren in this jurisdiction celebrated their semi-centennial anniversary, and we learn, with pleasure, that they are peacefully at labor, with nothing to interrupt their harmony, and that they have been blest with prosperity in their Masonic work.

This Grand Lodge has the D. D. G. M. system, but they are looking to the more efficient teaching of the work and lectures, and to that end they elected a Grand Lecturer, and defined his duties.

STATISTICS. — Lodges making returns, 213; initiated, 882; demissions, 911; admissions, 625; suspended N. P. D., 1,784; do. U. M. C., 20; membership, 8,878.

M. W. Thomas S. Gathright is Grand Master, and R. W. D. D. Porter is Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

G. M. Dunscomb announces to his brethren that throughout the jurisdiction all is encouraging in the present, and hopeful for the future. He granted forty-two Dispensations to open new Lodges. In a number of cases, these new Lodges will supply the places of those which were destroyed in the war.

The subject of uniformity of work occupied their attention, and they re-affirmed their adherence to the Baltimore Convention work, and adopted suitable measures for its diffusion and preservation.

It was decided that a Lodge has the right to discipline a member for an offense committed before initiation, on the ground of fraud in presuming to make application for the degrees under such circumstances, as well as for the offense itself. G. M. Dunscomb, in making

this decision, says he is aware that a different rule prevails in some, other jurisdictions, but he deems it to be in full accordance with the spirit and object of our Institution. He also decided that one suspended for a definite time for non-payment of dues is not thereby discharged therefrom, but is still liable to be suspended, if not paid. He concludes his address by earnestly exhorting his brethren not to be carried away under the maddening influence of political excitement, with old enmities revived which ought long ago to have been buried, but to conduct themselves as Masons in deed and in truth.

Alluding to the attempt in some localities to revive the old warfare against Masonry, in which certain parties, and even some religious denominations, have seen fit to array themselves, he can not imagine what the motives are which actuate them, unless it be to subserve personal selfish ends.

During the session they dedicated with appropriate and imposing ceremonies their new "FREE MASON'S HALL."

They occupied several sessions in exemplifying the work.

Agreeably to the report of a Special Committee appointed last year, they recognize the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and extend their fraternal greeting to her.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 250; initiations, 2,211; members, 12,500.

M. W. John D. Vincel is Grand Master, and R. W. George Frank Gouley is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

M. W. Stephen H. Johnson opened the session with an able address; after a warm fraternal greeting, he tells his brethren:

"We have a personal interest in the stability and prosperity of this Institution, and we must all feel that, as we profit by the warning lessons of the past, so shall we be able to avoid error, and in some measure contribute to the preservation of the Craft in that prosperous and satisfactory condition which, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the universe, has been so largely its dower."

He renders the tribute of fraternal love to several eminent brethren who have accomplished their day and have passed from among them during the year. In October, 1867, R. W. James Herring, who was their Grand Secretary from 1826 to 1846, died, an old man and full of years. Of him, he says, he learned to revere him as one of the main pillars of the Fraternity. During his term of service, evil days came upon us; our Institution was subjected to a severe test. Many faltered in the day of trial; he stood firm and proved himself equal to the emergency, and

nobly met the combined attacks of fanaticism and persecution hurled against us by furious and unprincipled adversaries, and, remaining at his post, manfully upheld the banner of the cause, and lived to see our noble Institution emerge from the conflict unscathed, but purified, and reaching a height of prosperity far exceeding the hopes of its most sanguine friends. To him they are principally indebted for the foundation of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and he was one of the first to organize the system of correspondence, now so prominent a feature in Annual Transactions.

M. W. Reuben Hyde Wulworth, P. G. M., died at Saratoga Springs in November, 1867. In 1828 he was appointed a Circuit Judge. At that time he was comparatively a young man. In 1838 he was elected to the office of Chancellor, which position he occupied about twenty years until the Court of Chancery was abolished. In his several judicial positions he evinced great legal research, sound judgment, and, above all, unflinching integrity. Living to a ripe old age, he leaves us, as men and Masons, an example worthy of imitation.

P. G. M. Finlay M. King was also remembered in the list of their departed brethren. In private life he was sincere and ardent in his friendship, and possessed of a confiding and generous nature.

The death of R. W. Robert Parker, late D. D. G. M., is also mourned, and his memory is cherished.

They are making great efforts, with gratifying success, to secure an uniform system of work and lectures.

The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund report the property (in bonds) held by them to be \$284,167.

The Board of Relief of the city of New York expended for charity during the year \$5,969. Among their grants for relief, we notice an item of \$77 to applicants from Michigan.

Bro. Jacob P. Solomon complained in a preamble and resolution, which he offered, that "sectarian references" are innovations, and should be stricken from the Ritual, and asking the Grand Lodge to so amend the standard work. It was referred to a Special Committee to report at the next session.

The report on Jurisprudence was submitted by M. W. John W. Simons. We note some of the decisions.

Can a Lodge, after having (at a meeting summoned for the purpose) given its consent to the formation of a new Lodge, revoke that consent at a subsequent Communication?

The Committee reply: The Lodge, by formal vote, having given up its lawful jurisdiction over a certain territory, and allowed that jurisdiction to vest in the proposed new Lodge, the Lodge, by rescinding its first vote, can not recall jurisdiction over which it no longer has control.

When twenty members are charged with the commission of a joint offence (by all signing a document claimed to be libelous), can each of the twenty claim a separate trial? The Committee say, such a claim can not be allowed.

A Lodge summons a member to pay his arrears of dues, or be stricken from the roll, he appears and offers a part payment, which the Lodge refused to accept, it was held to be discretionary with the Lodge to accept a payment on account or not.

A Brother from a Lodge in Wisconsin, fourteen years in arrears for dues, becomes a petitioner for a new Lodge in their State. Held, that having failed to sever his connection with another jurisdiction has never lawfully come under this, and is therefore not a member of the Lodge.

On behalf of some thirty persons, said to have been initiated in a clandestine Lodge, it was asked what relief can be extended to them. Answer.—They recommend the gentlemen to pocket whatever loss of time and money they may have incurred, and petition a regular Lodge in the usual way for initiation.

The Trustees of the "People's College," at Havanna, New York, tendered the Grand Lodge a transfer of the land, grounds, building and other property of said college, for the purposes of a Masonic Asylum, and negotiations are now in progress to remove legal impediments to the transfer.

M. W. John L. Lewis presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which, as is always the case in this jurisdiction, is able and elaborated, and contains Masonic information of interest to the fraternity in other jurisdictions besides their own.

We have already availed ourselves of their admirable summary of the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, and we close, quoting from their paragraphs on Miscellaneous European Grand Lodges:

"In closing our report upon European Grand Lodges, we desire to mention a part of the Masonic family with which heretofore our acquaintance has been very slight. In Wallachia and Roumania, the country which lately chose a new ruler in Prince Charles, of the House of Hohenzollern, we are informed, considerable agitation is perceptible among the members of Lodges now working under the Grand Orient of France. The brethren of the Lodges Les Disciples De Pythagore, at Galatz, and Le Phare Hospitalier, at Bralla, are agitating the question of severing their connection with the Grand Orient of France, and forming a Grand Lodge of their own, under the name of the Grand Orient de Roumaine, with its seat at Bucharest, now the capital of the country. The German brethren at Galatz, said to number about forty, have it under consideration to apply for a Charter to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. It is, however, stated that the German element is at present too weak to promise success.

Upon the whole, the tidings that come to us from that region are not very encouraging. The brethren, as a body, residing there lack the zeal necessary to promote the interest of the Institution. The attendance of the Lodge meetings is reported to be very slim, and the diversity of opinions prevailing among the brethren seems to be retarding the development of sociality and the progress of Masonry.

Some of the Government officers, particularly in the telegraph offices, who were Masons, have been dismissed. It is, however, reported that this is done without the knowledge and against the wishes of Prince Charles. Let us hope that Masonry will also there find a genial soil.

From Egypt the news comes to us that the Lodge Luce d'Orient, at Cairo, has called a Convention of Lodges. The following responded to the call: Les Pyramides, Regeneration de la Grece, Cajo Graces, Ecosais, and St. John's, of Alexandria; Bulwer, Sphynx, Grecia, and Luce d'Orient, of Cairo; and Mont Sinai, of Suez.

The object of the Convention was to effect a closer alliance among the Lodges of that country, and to advance the interest of Masonry.

A number of resolutions were adopted, some of which, according to our ideas, are foreign to the spirit of Masonry.

Whilst Masonry in Europe during the past year has been generally prosperous, it has not escaped vituperation and persecutions. Ancient Rome, the metropolis of a priestly hierarchy, sounds the key-note as usual. Untiring in its efforts to bring to servitude the free spirit of God-worship, it encompasses the world with its emissaries, for the purpose of retarding the efforts made for the education and enlightenment of the people. But its days are numbered; it must crumble to ruins. Not the Rome with its palaces and art treasures; but Rome the seat of an hierarchy, whose success lies in the ignorance of the masses. Papal bulls and anathemas have lost their terror. Nor longer do they shake thrones, no longer do they draw pilgrim penitent potentates in ashes and sackcloth to the feet of the Pope, and no longer does he dispense crowns, no longer make and unmake emperors and kings. The spell is broken and dispelled.

In Italy, where Masonry, but a few years ago, was prohibited under the severest penalties, and where our rites were practised in secret, it has found a permanent abiding place, and the Masonic gavel resounds even within hearing of the Vatican.

Portugal and Greece now have their Grand Lodges. The annexation of Hesse to Prussia has opened that country also to our Royal Art. Austria, where from 1780 to 1790 Masonry enjoyed great prosperity, but where in 1795 the Lodges were closed by the Imperial Government, is now compelled to make concessions to its people. It has already enacted laws regulating the right of associations and the assembling of societies, and the day is not remote when that country will again see prosperous Lodges within its boundaries. Already the organ of the Archbishop of Vienna expresses the fear that the radicals of that city are determined to establish Masonic Lodges.

Russia and Spain can not much longer remain so far in the rear of progressing enlightenment. And although the Belgian Senator Baron Della Failla, the presiding officer of a Catholic Congress that met at Mecheln, proclaims in his harangue to that body that "they are the

sons of the Crusaders, they also must undertake a crusade against the damned unbelievers," comparing the Free Masons to the Mohammedans and Masonry to the Islam, thereby showing that the old hatred is still rankling in the bosom of some who should rise above it by means of their education; it is, on the other hand, not without interest to know that, under the Prussian Government, slanders against Free Masonry will no longer go unpunished. For we are informed that the rector of a Catholic Church at Cologne was condemned by the Correctional Court, to pay a fine of 25 thalers and to imprisonment for ten days, for an article insulting to Masonic Lodges, which he published in his paper, and for spreading falsehoods that would expose them to the hatred and contempt of the public.

The prophet says: "Watchman, what of the night?" The watchman replies: "It is still night, but the morning is dawning." And "the morning is dawning" for Masonry in those countries.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 608; initiated, 8,877; stricken from the roll, 1,170; died, 652; membership, 64,643.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Master not being present, D. G. M. R. W. Best presided.

The Grand Lecturer looks upon it as useless to provide Lodges with teachers until they determine what the work shall be, and forbid the practice of any other, and they censure a brother for having lectured certain lodges without authority so to do. The subject of work and lectures received their attention.

R. W. Donald Bain, for many years the Grand Secretary, died on the 2d of February last, and they listened to an address on his life and character. He was a native of Scotland, and emigrated to that State in 1780. In zeal and knowledge, perhaps no one in the State excelled him, and the praises of his brothers followed him to the grave. They paid a proper tribute to his memory.

Respecting proficiency in candidates for advancement, the negligence of Lodges was reproved, and a strict observance of the law on the subject was required. They decided that it was a proper reason for rejecting a candidate that he could not write his name.

They have a college on their hands, and a committee was appointed to set forth its claims upon the liberality of the Lodges to relieve it of its present embarrassment.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 203; Lodges gone out of existence, 80; initiated 366; membership, 9,254; non-affiliated, 953.

R. W. Best is G. M., and D. W. Bain is G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The proceedings received from this Grand Lodge are for the sessions held in December, 1866, and June, 1867. Our proceedings do not seem to have reached their Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as they do not speak of this Jurisdiction.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 66; initiated, 805; members, 5,000.

M. W. John H. Rowell was G. M. and Horace Chase, G. S.

NEBRASKA.

From this Jurisdiction we receive a book of 448 pages, containing their proceedings from 1857 to 1867; that is, from the Convention which formed the Grand Lodge to the latter date, and it gives us much pleasure to hear from G. M. Furness the announcement of the continued prosperity and advancement of Free Masonry in Nebraska. He granted two Dispensations for new Lodges, and declined granting the application for a third for good and sufficient reasons, in which connection, he says, the question should be, can a Lodge be properly sustained, and in a creditable manner.

He fears there is a growing tendency to "modernize" Free Masonry by ignoring or non-compliance with the ancient landmarks, laws, usages and customs, the substitution of phraseology in the work, and the great desire to increase the numbers of membership.

By resolution they require the Grand Lecturer to visit every Lodge once in each year, and communicate the proper and uniform work.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence very courteously noticed our proceedings for 1867.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 15; initiations, 140; membership, 595.

O. H. Irish is G. M. and J. N. Wise is G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

M. W. Silas Whitehead opened the session with an able address. Alluding to their last session, he tells the following incident, which he points with a moral:

"One year ago, after a most delightful and harmonious session, the members of the Grand Lodge rested from their labors and separated for their homes. The brethren, however, who traveled in an easterly direction, had not proceeded far upon their journey before they became aware that an embargo had been laid upon the shipping. Those who left by an early train for the purpose of spending the night in the bosom of their respective families concluded, upon further reflection, to postpone, for a day or two, the anticipated pleasure. There is no place like home; but home is an old story, and its pleasures may be enjoyed almost every night in the year. But to sit in a railroad car, on a high bridge, all night, with the fires out, and the freezing wind and drifting snow whistling past the windows, is a novel and refreshing experience, which is vouchsafed to but few. The novelty of the situation, however, is apt to wear off after one or two days of its enjoyment. After having had a surfeit of this sort of pleasure, and after a public exhibition by some of the brethren of feats of pedestrianism, which would have brought tears of envy to the eyes of Weston, the travelers at last found themselves under the sheltering wing of Union Lodge, No. 19. Those who first arrived at this haven of comfort and safety were tortured with an agony of anxiety, lest that portion of the Grand Lodge which was yet on its way might be snowed under. But this anxiety was considerably alleviated by the reflection that the Grand Master, at least, was not liable to that calamity.

"These remarks, brethren, have not been made for the purpose of trifling with your feelings, but to teach you an important lesson. Never be in too much of a hurry to get home from the Grand Lodge."

They had to ask their Subordinate Lodges to advance means to enable the Grand Lodge to pay its obligations, owing to the defalcation of the Grand Treasurer."

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 91; initiated, 290; members, 6,891.

Henry R. Cannon is Grand Master, and Joseph H. Hough is Grand Secretary.

NEVADIA

Grand Master John C. Currie, in his address, congratulates his brethren, that, although their numbers have increased slowly, yet the material worked into the building has been of excellent quality. He established two new Lodges by Dispensation.

Their experiment of abolishing the fee for affiliation has been found to work well beyond their anticipations; during three years of their

existence they had but two hundred and forty-six affiliations, while under the new rule, there were one hundred and forty-four.

They have a system of life membership, that is a payment down in lieu of annual dues, which so far, has worked well, the interest upon the fund so created more than paying the current dues of members who take advantage of it.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 12; initiated 145; members 921.

Geo. W. Hopkins is Grand Master, and W. A. M. Van Bokkelen is Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

This is a new jurisdiction, and from it we have the Proceedings of a Convention and the Transactions of a Grand Lodge, held in August, 1868, at St. John. This former Province has lately become part of the "Dominion of Canada," and, therefore, Masonically, vacant territory, in which any Grand Lodge might establish Lodges. Therefore, a Convention of Lodges was called, and sixteen out of twenty-three attended, and proceeded to establish the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, the several Lodges surrendering their Charters to their respective Grand Lodges. They adopted a Constitution, elected and installed Grand Officers, and we are now happy to extend to them, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the right hand of fellowship, with our best wishes for their continued harmony and future prosperity.

Since writing the above, we are in receipt of the Proceedings of their first Annual Communication, in September last, from which we learn that, with recent accessions, they now have twenty-four Lodges on their roll, there remaining but two Lodges in the Province that have not as yet communicated any action in the matter.

They are already taking steps to insure the erection of a Masonic Temple for their accommodation.

B. Lester Peters is Grand Master, and Wm. F. Bunting is Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

M. W. Avery A. Smith's address is occupied almost exclusively to local matters. He gives a full account of his administration during the year. Among his admonitions is some pretty strong language on the vicious and coarse habit of profaniyt, of which no true Mason is ever

guilty; his attention has been called to its prevalence, both by members and laymen; he urges upon his brethren that moral worth and moral influence constitute the strength of a Lodge of Masons.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally notices our Proceedings of Last year.

STATISTICS.—Lodges 45; initiated 104; members 1,202.

M. W. A. A. Smith* is Grand Master, and J. E. Hurford is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

M. W. James L. Orr says at no time previously has the Institution enjoyed more deservedly the sympathy of the public in general, and the zealous and cordial co-operation of its members. He gratefully acknowledges the receipt from various sources of over \$5,000, which he had caused to be distributed where there was the most need of it. He announces that Bro. Joseph Rusky, who died in January, 1867, left by will his entire real and personal estate to the Grand Lodge, in trust for the benefit of the families of deceased Master Masons in the jurisdiction.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in reviewing our Proceedings of 1867, speak of M. W. Bro. Coffinbury's address as being sensible, in good style, and excellent Masonic temper, in enthusiastic, but not exaggerated, language; so highly do they esteem it that they quote eight pages.

Since writing the above, we are in receipt of an advance copy of the report on Foreign Correspondence for 1868, and regret to see that Michigan is not among the number of sister Grand Lodges reviewed by them.

M. W. James L. Orr is Grand Master, and R. W. R. S. Bruns is Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

From the voluminous correspondence conducted with the various Subordinate Lodges, G. M. Anderson says, it may be regarded as the Masonic pulse, and while it has occasionally exhibited slight perturbation, he is pleased to announce prosperity and a healthful condition of the Fraternity.

Six new Lodges were opened by Dispensation.

They mourn the death of P. G. M. Thos. McCulloch, in whose memory they held a Lodge of sorrow, at which a large audience, in addition to the members of the Fraternity was present. The Hall was draped in mourning and a catafalque erected in the center; at each corner, four aged veterans of the Order were seated, having charge of the same number of burning tapers; after several pieces of solemn music by the organ, choir and brethren; Brother Samuel H. Stout delivered an eloquent eulogy.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review our proceedings of 1867, and quotes liberally from the address of our G. M. Coffinbury, whose address they speak of as being in the true spirit of Masonry.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 273; initiations, 2,558; membership, 15,790.

Since writing the above, we were pained to learn that on the 5th of June, 1868, R. W. Bro. Chas. A. Fuller, Grand Secretary, after an illness of six months, breathed his last. A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was called to attend his funeral, when appropriate tributes of respect were paid to his memory.

He was a native of Otsego County, N. Y. Born in 1816, he came to Nashville in 1832, with twenty-five cents in his pocket, and when despairing of finding employment, was called upon to take the place of a printer who was on a periodical spree.

He bore his illness with fortitude and resignation. He knew his end was approaching, and remarked, shortly before his death, he had "not a doubt as to his future welfare;" that his faith was in the merits of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and looked forward with composure to a blessed immortality beyond the grave.

He was initiated in 1842, and had taken all the degrees, including the A. & A. Rite, of which he had received the 33°. In all matters pertaining to the welfare of Masons and Masonry, he was among the foremost. May we imitate his example, and, like him, may we be found ready when called from our labors on earth.

VIRGINIA.

We rejoice with our brethren in this jurisdiction, that they have not been called upon to record the death of a single officer or past officer during the year.

He points out the inconvenience of having thirty-two expounders of Masonic law, in the persons of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and each decision binding in his respective district, until reversed by the Grand Master.

He also points out a like inconvenience in their legislation, allowing an application to the Grand Master, for a Dispensation to confer the degrees, when doubts exist respecting maimed persons who can not conform to the Ritual. He says he has always refused, because if no doubt exists, there is no necessity for the exercise of the dispensing power; if doubt does exist, the mere fact of such doubt should settle the question. He adds, an idea seems to prevail with some that the Grand Master can dispense with any of the requirements, a very mistaken one he says, for the Grand Master is as much bound to observe himself, and see that others preserve the landmarks as the humblest Master Mason.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were without our proceedings of the year before, but they learn enough at second hand to make them regret it. They close their report with a long essay on their situation and feelings growing out of the war, which, if coming from a Northern Grand Lodge, would, no doubt, have been called "political," and, therefore, out of place in a Masonic paper; but we are happy to say amen! to their sentiment of "let bygones be bygones," and trust that the Masonic heart and the Masonic hand may ever be in unison throughout the land.

Respecting negro Masons, they say it behooves them to speak with unabated breath, "in the palmiest days of royal despotism the hand of Douglas was his own, and never will Southern Masons acquiesce in the overthrow of ancient landmarks, subjecting them to the necessity of meeting upon the level with their former slaves."

The matter of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia still remains unsettled.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 226; although they publish lists of members' names, they do not give any footings.

M. W. Wm. Terry is Grand Master, and R. W. John Dove is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The year has been a melancholy one with our brethren in Texas. G. M. Fretwell says:

The past season was one of unusual sickness, and within the bounds of our jurisdiction the bills of mortality are summed up by the hundreds and thousands, and especially along our southern border and sea coast the dark wing of the Angel of Death appeared to overshadow the whole land.

Men deserted their usual avocations, and occupied themselves in nursing the sick and burying the dead. It is in times like these that our poor fallen human nature rises superior to itself, and shaking off the shackles which have bound it to things earthly, assumes the Heavenly mantle of benevolence and charity; and man stands, as it were, redeemed and disenthralled, the admiration of his fellows.

Our own beloved Institution furnishes her heroes and martyrs in this unequal combat, and Masons took their proper stand in the front rank. I say not this in a spirit of boastfulness, but simply as an act of justice, for circumstances made me an eye-witness.

He did not issue a single Dispensation for a new Lodge, but, in the exercise of a strong desire to elevate and maintain our beloved Institution to that standard of excellence to which she is justly entitled, he found it to be his duty to order many investigations and trials.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice our Proceedings in a very courteous and fraternal spirit.

STATISTICS. — The number of Lodges on their roll is 311, but we find them taking action in respect to a number which have not made any returns for several years. We regret the statistical tables are not footed, and we have no means of knowing their membership, etc.

Peter W. Gray is Grand Master, and Geo. H. Bringhurst is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Lodge mourns the death of two Past Grand Officers, Duncan M. Story, P. D. G. M., and S. S. Daggett, P. G. Treasurer.

G. M. Pease says our institution in the jurisdiction is in a sound and flourishing condition, and compares the little band of seven Masons representing three Lodges who formed the Grand Lodge in 1843, with the present body of three hundred representatives from one hundred and seventy Lodges.

Their proceedings were of local interest and entirely harmonious.

STATISTICS. — Lodges, 173; but no footing of tables.

Harlow Pease is Grand Master, and W. T. Palmer is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

G. M. Reed, in his address, alludes to his personal afflictions in the loss of wife, mother and brother. He details his official acts, which are of local interest, but show his administrative skill.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice our proceedings for 1866. Respecting the question of jurisdiction at issue between them and Oregon, they think our remarks in 1866 were more applicable to Oregon than to them, but, in the meantime, the Grand Lodge of Idaho having been organized, and her jurisdiction extending over the debated territory, the question we hope will rest.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 9; initiated, 25; members, 370.

James Biles is Grand Master, and Thos. M. Reed is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

G. M. Bates remarks that he had refused all applications to confer degrees, believing the power should be exercised only in extreme cases.

The subject of uniformity of work is agitated; a Grand Lecturer had been appointed, but the progress made is not altogether satisfactory; the idea of District Deputy Custodians of the work is advanced.

By resolution, they advise Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia to pay dues to that Grand Lodge up to the time their Charter was endorsed by the G. L. of West Virginia.

STATISTICS.—Lodges, 80; members, 1,316; initiated, 221.

Wm. J. Bates is Grand Master, and Thos. H. Logan is Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FENTON,

Grand Secretary,

And ex-officio Chairman of Com. on For. Cor.

Rev. Bro. D. C. Jacokes presented the cases of Trenton Lodge, No. 8, and Wyandotte Lodge, No. 170, both of whom had lost their Halls by fire, and, on motion, they were referred to the Committee on Lodges destroyed by fire.

On motion, a special committee of three, viz: M. W. W. T. Mitchell, J. A. Shingledecker, and A. L. Sawyer, were appointed in relation to that part of the M. W. Grand Master's address referring to his official relations to the Grand Body.

W. Bro. Shingledecker offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all committees of the Grand Lodge be required to hold their sessions within this or the adjoining Masonic Hall.

The Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to draft a code of By-Laws for the use of Subordinate Lodges, then presented a draft of a Code, which, after being read, was accepted. It was then considered section by section, and, after discussion and amendment, was adopted as follows, and ordered to take effect, for the government of Subordinate Lodges, from and after the 24th day of June next:

BY-LAWS.

OF LODGE, No.,

AT, COUNTY OF

ARTICLE I.

This Lodge shall be known and hailed by the above title, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. G. Lodge of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

It is held under the authority of the Charter granted by the G. Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the State of Michigan, at its communication in January, 18—, to whose Constitution, laws and edicts, implicit respect and obedience shall be paid by members of this Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Tyler. They shall be elected annually, at the regular communication next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist. The first three shall be elected by ballot, the others shall be elected or appointed in such manner as the Lodge may from time to time determine. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

ARTICLE IV.

The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on or before the full moon in each month. The hour of assembling shall be 7 o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE V.

All applications for initiation or for membership, shall be made in writing, signed by the petitioner, specifying his age, residence and occupation, and recommended by two members of the Lodge; they shall be presented at a regular meeting, and if received be referred to a committee of three members for inquiry and report, and lie over until the next regular meeting; provided that no candidate shall be balloted for, unless his petition shall have been referred one month.

ARTICLE VI.

The fees for conferring the degrees of this Lodge shall be dollars, as follows:

For the Entered Apprentice degree, (to accompany the petition).... \$.....

For the Fellow-Craft degree \$.....

For the Master's degree \$.....

For admitting to membership, (in addition to the Grand Lodge fee). \$.....

A unanimous vote must be had in favor of the applicant for each degree, and in no case shall a ballot be taken, until the money required for the fee shall be in actual deposit with the Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.

After a petition has been received and noted upon the minutes, it shall not be withdrawn without the consent of two-thirds of the members present. If only one black ball appears, a second ballot may be taken, but in no case shall a third ballot be had.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every candidate for advancement before the degree is conferred, shall be examined in open Lodge, in the degree already taken, and shall demonstrate his proficiency therein before he progresses.

ARTICLE IX.

Each member shall pay annually the sum of dollars into funds of the Lodge, at or before the regular meeting for the election of officers.

ARTICLE X.

Any member who shall be in arrears for one year's dues, may be suspended; and if, within a reasonable time thereafter, he does not remove the suspension by the payment of the dues, he may be expelled.

ARTICLE XI.

Any member in good standing (not in arrears for dues) shall be entitled to a Diploma, on proper application, and paying the Secretary the sum of fifty cents.

ARTICLE XII.

The Master and Wardens shall be, *ex-officio*, a Committee of Charity, and have power, during recess of the Lodge, to draw orders on the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding dollars for the relief of any one applicant (he proving himself worthy and being a member of a regularly constituted Lodge.)

ARTICLE XIII.

No brother shall be suspended or expelled for un-Masonic conduct, of any description whatever, unless it be on written charges and specifications, made out and filed with the Secretary, who shall furnish the accused brother a copy thereof (if of a nature to be reduced to writing at least ten days previous to the trial, with notice of the time and place of trial, if his residence is known to the Secretary, or can be found upon due inquiry; and if not known, or can not be ascertained, then the service shall be at his last known place of residence. It is the privilege of the accused to take any proof or testimony to be heard in evidence, that he may desire, upon giving three days' notice to the Master of the Lodge; and in all cases, when the hearing comes on, the whole testimony shall be reduced to writing, and be carefully preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge. *Provided*, That when a brother, charged as aforesaid, shall abscond, proceedings may be had in his absence without notice. When the accused resides beyond the jurisdiction of the Lodge in which the charges are filed, the service of the charges and notice may be made by the Secretary of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the accused at the time resides, and the certificate of such Secretary, under the seal of his Lodge, shall be evidence of due service.

ARTICLE XIV.

Any brother deeming himself aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge pronounced against him, may, at any time within ninety days thereafter, take an appeal to the Grand Lodge; and, on his application, it shall be

the duty of the Secretary to make out and forward to the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the proceedings had in his case, with the original testimony, so far as the same shall have been reduced to writing.

ARTICLE XV.

At all regular communications, when the Lodge is opened, the following order of business shall be observed, unless dispensed with by the W. M.:

- 1st. Reading of the Minutes.
- 2d. Receiving reports of committees.
- 3d. Balloting for candidates or for admission.
- 4th. Reading and referring petitions.
- 5th. Conferring degrees.
- 6th. Receiving and considering resolutions.
- 7th. Considering unfinished business.
- 8th. Disposing of such other business as may lawfully come before the Lodge.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any brother, before becoming a member of this Lodge, shall express his assent to these By-Laws by subscribing his name thereto.

ARTICLE XVII.

No alteration or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made, unless the same be proposed in writing at a regular meeting, when it shall be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next regular meeting, when it shall require the sanction of two-thirds of the members present, and the approval of the Grand Lodge, for its adoption.

W. B. Cudworth then presented a memorial from Bro. J. P. Cowles, which was referred to the standing Committee on Grievances.

The standing Committee on Grievances then presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Michigan:

The standing Committee on Grievances have had under consideration the several cases hereinafter referred to, and would respectfully report:

1. That Bro. Charles Beeby, of Kenosha Lodge, No. 47, of the State of Wisconsin, complains of the action of Spring Lake Lodge, No. 234,

in not sustaining charges preferred by him against Bro. C. B. Westover, of that Lodge, averring that partiality was shown in favor of Bro. Westover. The complaint is incomplete and informal in this, that not one of the steps necessary to bring the matter properly before this Grand Lodge has been taken and we would therefore recommend that the complaint be dismissed.

3. The next case upon which the committee have been called to act is the appeal of Bro. A. B. Cudworth from the decision of Pontiac Lodge No. 21. The proceedings in this case were regular and have been properly submitted. The case may be termed a made one, which is submitted to the Grand Lodge, for its decision upon the following points, in regard to which there is a difference of opinion between the appellant and the Lodge. (1). Has a Lodge the right to assess the members for the purpose of purchasing real estate or making payments upon the same? (2). Admitting the right, do the circumstances in this instance justify the assessment. The facts are that Pontiac Lodge levied an assessment of five dollars upon each member "to meet the current expenses, and for the payment of real estate owned by the Lodge, which (payment), falls due in April next," after March 6th 1868, at which time this vote was taken. One hundred and forty-one (141) members paid the assessment and sixty-eight (68) declined to do so. Bro. Cudworth charges the 68 with unmasonic conduct, for this neglect, and makes the following specification, viz: "That the said Brothers have severally neglected to pay an assessment severally assessed * * * * for the purpose of paying a mortgage upon certain real estate heretofore purchased for and by direction of said Lodge for Masonic purposes, and for the purpose of building a Masonic Temple thereon for the use of said Lodge." After due trial by a vote of 20 to 9, the accused were declared "not guilty."

In reply to the first inquiry the Committee would first quote the following report, adopted by this Grand Lodge, in 1866, and printed on page 62, of the journal of that year, which reads as follows, viz: "It is competent to provide by the by-laws for quarterly or annual dues, and to vote an assessment not provided for therein, in cases of emergency, for relief of distressed Brothers and other objects of Masonic charity, and for the necessary expenses of the Lodge." If the purchase of the real estate or payment upon the same could be classed among the emergent cases or necessary expenses, the Committee would be compelled to recommend the reversal of the decision of the Lodge in this instance, and that it be referred back for a new trial, but we can not do so. We find no decisions calculated to throw light upon this subject, except one by our own Grand Lodge in the case of Lafayette Lodge, of Jonesville, in this State, recorded on page 67 of the records of the session of 1866. The facts were these, viz: The Hall of Jonesville Lodge has been consumed by fire; to obtain a new Hall a few individuals advanced a sum of money, with the understanding,—at a regular communication,—that

they were to be re-imbursed. At a communication thereafter, of which every member had been notified, an assessment of five dollars was levied for the purpose, and therefore this Grand Lodge

Resolved, That it is lawful for said Lodge, under the circumstances, to require the payment of the assessment and administer Masonic discipline for a refusal or neglect to pay the same.

This is evidently a case of emergency, and the fact that special legislation was deemed necessary, which was limited to the case under consideration, leads your Committee to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of Michigan does not admit the right to levy an assessment upon a Lodge to pay for real estate held by an incorporation, even though the corporate body may be the Lodge. From the evidence in this instance, there appears to have been no emergency. We therefore omit the consideration of the second point raised, and recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the appeal from Pontiac Lodge be dismissed and the decision of said Lodge, in the case under consideration be affirmed.

Your Committee would recommend that legislation particular and well-defined be had upon the right of the Lodge to levy assessments, and that the Committee on Masonic law be instructed to report a resolution upon this subject during the present session.

A. G. HIBBARD,
A. I. SAWYER,
JOHN L. MITCHEL,

Committee.

W. Bro. L. G. Sperry then offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

In the matter of the certificate, herewith submitted, of Ezra Ames, as W. M.; Barber Nichols, as S. W.; H. W. R. Donaldson, as J. W., and by Lewis Ketchum, as Secretary of Mt. Moriah Lodge, of Canada, the same being merged in St. Johns Lodge of Canada, located at London, and bearing date of April 1, A. D. 1827.

Resolved, That the said certificate be received, as a sufficient demit, by any subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, and authorize such Lodge to admit Altamant Donaldson to membership therein, on due election thereto.

The standing Committee on Lodges which have suffered by fire, then presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan :

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of relief to Subordinate Lodges who have suffered by fire during the past year, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and that they find that Trenton Lodge, No. 8, lost their hall and a part of their jewels and furniture, by fire, on the 27th day of April last. Their whole loss was \$1,800, upon which they had an insurance of \$1,000.

That Wyandotte Lodge, No. 171, were burned out on the 6th day of May last, and that they lost everything they had, including their Charter, amounting to \$600, upon which they had an insurance of \$400.

That Bloomingdale Lodge, No. 221, were burned out on the night of the 24th day of December last, which was the night previous to the time for holding their Annual Election. That they lost all they had, including their Charter, amounting in value to \$500, upon which they had no insurance. That the Lodge is young and poor, with a membership of thirty-five, without any place to hold their meetings in, and that there is no suitable place which they can purchase for that purpose. That the nearest other Lodge is fourteen miles distant. That they are about to build a new hall, and ask assistance from this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore recommend that new Charters, duplicates of the originals, as near as may be, be granted to Wyandotte Lodge, No. 171, and to Bloomingdale Lodge, No. 221, without charge. And, further, that the dues to this Grand Lodge be refunded to each of said Lodges, and also to Trenton Lodge, No. 8.

In recommending the restoring of the Charter, and refunding the dues to Bloomingdale Lodge, which had not insurance on its property, Your Committee feel in duty bound to so restore their Charter and remit their dues, from the fact that the Lodge is destitute and poor and without a place to convene.

The Brethren of this Lodge ask assistance from the Grand Lodge to enable them to erect a building in which to hold their meetings. In regard to such assistance we make no recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. D. CRANE.
J. S. NORTH.
L. A. CLAPP.
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan:

Your Committee on Masonic Law have had under consideration the several matters referred to them, and respectfully present their views as follows:

In regard to the several decisions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, presented in his address, your Committee fully concur in each and all of them, as impressing, sound Masonic Law, under the ancient landmarks of the Craft, and the Constitution and edicts of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the question referred to them by the Grand Lodge, to wit: "Is it proper for a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, to take testimony in a trial of a Brother before such Lodge, to report the opinion of such committee upon the guilt or innocence of the accused?" Your Committee are of the opinion that it is not proper for the committee to make such report, but to report the testimony taken by them for the action of the Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. S. BRACKETT,
FRED. A. NIMS,
HENRY M. LOOK,

Committee.

Most Rev. Bro. I. Boynton offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That Art. 14, of the by-Laws appended to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "adjourn," and inserting in its place the words "call off or to close."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, January 14, 2:30 P. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when the R. W. Grand Treasurer and the R. W. Grand Secretary presented their annual accounts, which were accepted and referred to the Standing Committee on Accounts.

R. W. LANDON, *Treasurer, in account with Grand Lodge of Michigan.*

1886.	DR.	
Jan. 10.	To pay roll,	\$4,526 05
	To Warrant No. 252,	300 00
	To Warrant No. 253,	100 00
	To Warrant No. 254,	129 23
	To Warrant No. 255,	115 00
	To Warrant No. 256,	151 98
	To Warrant No. 257,	590 05
	To Warrant No. 258,	250 00
	To Warrant No. 259,	200 00
	To Warrant No. 260,	200 00
	To Warrant No. 261,	200 00
Nov. 23.	To paid Insurance,	3 85
	To Warrant No. 262,	200 00
1869.		
Jan. 14.	To Balance on hand,	9883 72
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		\$16,849 88

1868.	CR.	
Jan. 10.	By Balance,	7765 63
Mar. 19.	By amount of Grand Secretary,	8317 56
Oct. 29.	“ “	223 10
1869.		
Jan. 14.	By Interest,	543 59
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		\$16,849 88

All of which, with the vouchers, is herewith most respectfully submitted.

R. W. LANDON,
Grand Treasurer.

DETROIT, January 14, 1869.

JAMES FENTON, *Grand Secretary, in account with**Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.*

1868.

DR.

Received for Dispensations for new Lodges as follows:

Feb. 1.	Brighton Lodge,	\$50 00	
Feb. 21.	Berlin Lodge,	50 00	
Feb. 27.	Gaines Lodge,	50 00	
Mar. 30.	Stanton Star Lodge,	50 00	
April 21.	Wigton Lodge,	50 00	
May 4.	Okemos Lodge,	50 00	
Aug. 7.	Allen Lodge,	50 00	
Sept. 1.	Wankeshma Lodge,	50 00	
Sept. 11.	Bridgeport Lodge,	50 00	
Nov. 6.	Nashville Lodge,	50 00	
Nov. 6.	Wenona Lodge,	50 00	
Dec. 4.	Cambria Lodge,	50 00	
	Special Dispensation (Grass Lake)	5 00	
	Sales of Burial Service,	301 00	
			906 00
	Blue Books,	2 95	
	Grand Lodge Certificates,	45 00	
	Received Warrant on account of Salary,	250 00	
			<u>\$1203 95</u>

CR.

	By paid Post Office Stamps,	\$26 89	
	By paid Express Charges and Exchange,	3 90	
	By paid Ribbon for Charges and Certificates,	10 75	
	By paid Mudilage,	75	
	By paid Printing Circulars and Letter Heads,	5 00	
	By paid Printing Circ's, laying Corner Stone,	2 75	
	By paid Corn, Wine and Oil,	1 00	
	By paid Paper and Printing 2,000 Burial Serv.,	62 40	
	By paid Printing Dispensations,	7 25	
	By paid Electrotyping Seal,	2 40	
	By paid Repairs to Case,	3 00	
	By paid Cleaning Aprons,	5 50	
Oct. 27.	By paid Grand Treasurer, \$354.69,	223 10	
	By paid one year's Salary,	800 00	
	By Balance,	49 26	
			<u>\$1208 96</u>

DETROIT, January 14, 1869.

The Grand Lodge then took into consideration the amendment to the Constitution submitted and approved at the last communication, to amend Section 2 of Article VI, by striking out the word "three" in the ninth line of said section, and inserting the word "one" in its place.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master stated the effect of such amendment would be to require a unanimous ballot to admit to membership in a Lodge.

After discussion, the amendment was rejected.

W. Bro. Geo. Parker submitted a question relating to the physical qualification of a Fellow Craft applying for the Master's Degree, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Law.

W. Bro. W. V. Morrison then presented a memorial from Thomas G. Pray, formerly a member of Murat Lodge No. 14, asking to be restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, which was accepted and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

The Standing Committee on Examination then presented the following report and resolution, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Examination, to whom was referred the memorial of certain Brethren, members of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 22, praying for the restoration of the Charter of Anchor Lodge, of Strict Observance, No. 87, respectfully report: That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; but your committee are of the opinion, that the petitioners should pay to the Grand Lodge the difference between the fee for a Charter, at time of the surrender, and the sum required by the present constitution.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Charter of Anchor Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 87, be restored, upon payment of the sum of fifty dollars.

J. B. NEWTON,
D. W. CLEMMER,
GEO. W. PEASE.

On motion of M. W. Bro. W. T. Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That standing resolution No. 11 be and the same is hereby expunged and repealed.

Rev. Bro. D. C. Jacokes suggested that a form of Demit be prepared by the R. W. Grand Secretary, to be attested by the Grand Lodge Seal.

The subject was referred to a special committee of three, to wit: Bros. Chamberlain, Morrison, and Jacokes.

The Grand Lodge were then called from labor to refreshment until 7½ o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY, January 14—Evening Session.

The Standing Committee on Grievances presented the following report, which was accepted, and, after discussion, was adopted:

REPORT.

To all M. W. Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. W. B. Church, from the decision of St. Albans Lodge, No. 20, of this jurisdiction, would respectfully report: That the proceedings of said Lodge as appears from the copy of the records submitted to us were regular and in due form, and that the accused had a fair trial upon the following charges.

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Upon these charges the Lodge found the accused guilty and sentenced him to be publicly reprimanded, from which finding and sentence the accused appeals:

After a careful examination of the evidence, your committee have arrived at the conclusion that it is insufficient to justify the verdict or

decision of the Lodge. We cannot find any testimony adduced by the prosecutor which directly sustains the charges, and admitting the indirect testimony to have the full force that should be given to direct evidence we do not see that the accused violated any Masonic obligation as charged in the second and fourth specifications. There is no evidence to sustain the first or third specifications. From statements made to the committee by the W. M. of the Lodge and a Bro. representing Bro. Church, your committee are of the opinion that the decision of the Lodge was influenced more by a prejudice against Bro. Church on account of imprudent speeches and actions of his, during the progress of the trial than by the evidence. We have no doubt that the Lodge intended to act fairly in the premises, but erred in coming to a decision influenced more by facts of which they were cognizant than by the evidence which has been submitted to us. We would recommend that the decision of the Lodge be reversed and the Lodge be recommended to dismiss the charges against Bro. Church, except there is some new evidence to be adduced.

2. Your committee would further report in the case of Bro. J. P. Cowles, of Lansing Lodge 33, complaining of Bro. B. F. Buck, W. M. of said Lodge, that the charges have not been accompanied by any evidence, and would recommend that the complainant have leave to withdraw them.

3. A memorial has been received from Thos. G. Pray, an expelled Mason, asking to be restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, recommended by eight members of Murat Lodge No. 14, including his accuser, which we would recommend, be granted, as we are informed by the officials of the Lodge, that he is a good Mason, and that had there been time for circulating the recommendation, nearly every Mason in the jurisdiction of Murat Lodge, No. 14, would have recommended his application.

4. The next grievance to which the attention of your committee was called, was an appeal from Richard Bronson, of Waterford Lodge, No. 98, complaining of the sentence of expulsion passed by said Lodge. The minutes of the testimony were not before the committee, and therefore we cannot report upon the merits of the case, but sufficient testimony was adduced to show that the proceedings were informal, and we would therefore recommend that the Lodge be directed to proceed with a new trial in due form. We would recommend that the W. M. be advised to call upon some other officers of the Lodge to preside at the trial, as he is one of the complainants.

5. An appeal has been presented by Bro. A. S. Haines, against the decision of Muskegon Lodge, No. 140, in indefinitely suspending said Haines from the rights and benefits of Masonry. After reading the testimony, your committee would report that the charges were sustained, and would recommend that the decision of the Lodge be affirmed, and also that the said Haines be expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry.

6. An appeal has been taken from the decision of Lexington Lodge, No. 61, in the case of Bro. Jacob Buel vs. Bro. Isaac Green, which was not accompanied by the necessary records to bring the matter fairly before the committee, but your committee would recommend that the rights of the appellant remain intact, notwithstanding the informalities, for which he was not responsible.

7. We have also received an appeal from Bro. G. Herrick, an unaffiliated Mason, who feels himself aggrieved by the action of Murat Lodge, No. 14, in expelling him from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. The proceedings of the Lodge were regular, and the papers submitted in due form. The grounds of the appeal were as follows, viz:

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The first point made by the appellant, that the offenses with which the said Herrick was charged were not Masonic offenses, we dismiss, as not well taken.

The second objection, that the evidence, or a portion of the same, was not Masonic evidence, for the reason that it was taken before the charges were preferred, and without the knowledge of the accused, we regard as valid, and, notwithstanding the accused waived its informality, we are of the opinion that it should not have been received by the Lodge, and given the weight which would attach to such testimony if obtained in a proper manner. But the chief reason for the recommendation we are about to report, we find in this conjunction of circumstances, viz: admitting the correctness of the evidence against the accused in every particular; admit that he made the statements with which he is charged, it remains true, with a single exception, and that of little importance, that the prosecution have neglected that important and necessary link in the chain of evidence which consists in showing those statements to be untrue, and the Lodge seems to have been influenced by common report in its decision, instead of any evidence which has been submitted to this Committee. We would therefore recommend that the decision of the Lodge be reversed, and the case remitted to the Lodge, to take such action as they may deem best; and would also in this connection express our conviction that a Master Mason who remains unaffiliated for a number of years, should not expect that sympathy and attention from a Lodge or the Grand Lodge, that is received by one who is actively interested in the working and contributing to the support and advancement of the Order.

A. G. HIBBARD,
A. I. SAWYER,
JOHN L. MITCHELL.

M. W. Bro. W. T. Mitchell offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Sec. 6 of Art. V. of the Constitution does not permit a Lodge to recommend the initiation of a rejected candidate in another

jurisdiction, but only permits a Lodge to recommend such candidate to another Lodge having concurrent or the same jurisdiction.

The Special Committee then presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution was adopted:

The Committee appointed to draft a resolution expressive of the sentiments of this Grand Lodge towards the M. W. G. M., S. C. Coffinbury, respectfully report the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge having for three successive years elected our most worthy brother Salathiel C. Coffinbury its M. Worshipful Grand Master, and still holding him in the high esteem indicated by such elections, returns to him a vote of thanks for his eminent services. Its members have seen no occasion to withhold from him their continued confidence. His long and honorable services as a Mason — his high character as a man — his broad philanthropy and distinguished literary and scientific attainments, have placed him above the reach of the envious and malicious; and this Grand Lodge, unable to add to his laurels or render more eminent his good name, in now parting with him as G. M., commends him to the high consideration of all good and true men and Masons, and reassures him of its continued high consideration and brotherly love.

WM. T. MITCHELL,
J. A. SHINGLEDECKER,
A. I. SAWYER.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 15, 9 A. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

The Throne of Grace was invoked by the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Bro. F. Darrow offered a resolution that the dues of Portland Lodge No. 31, and the Marquette Lodge No. 1, be remitted, they having suffered by fire, which was referred to the Special Committee on Burnt Lodges.

The M. W. S. C. Coffinbury, Grand Master, then, on behalf of Bro. H. H. Riley, of Constantine, presented the Grand Lodge with an elegantly illuminated print, being a significant symbolical combination, designed and presented by Miss Warner, a niece of the donor, residing at Hartford, Conn.; which was accepted, and a committee consisting of Bros. A. J. Kinne, R. A. Green, and H. McCurdy, were appointed to make a suitable acknowledgment for the present.

W. Bro. Alfred then called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact of a representative being in the hall in a state of intoxication, and presented a charge of unmasonic conduct against the offender, with specifications of the charge, which were received and referred to a special committee, to wit: Bros. H. McCurdy, D. C. Jacokes, and H. M. Look to investigate the same. It was ordered in the meantime that the said representative be suspended from his office of W. Master of his Lodge, and that the Senior Warden be directed to take charge of the same until further orders.

W. Bro. Pease offered the following resolution, which was laid upon the table:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be forbidden to allow their Halls to be used for other than Masonic purposes.

The Special Committee on a new Masonic Temple then presented the following report, which was accepted, and, after consideration, was laid upon the table until the first day of the next session at 3 o'clock P. M.

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the erection of a Masonic Temple, respectfully report :

That they have examined various localities suitable for a site for a Temple; but, owing to their limited powers, they have been unable to

obtain satisfactory proposals, but think a suitable lot can be purchased at a reasonable price. As it is necessary that plans should be made to conform to the lot, they have deemed it unwise to incur the expense of procuring such plans, until a lot has been purchased.

In their judgment, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars will be required to purchase a site and erect a Temple, suited to the dignity and honor of our Order.

They would respectfully recommend that stock scrip should be issued for this amount, entitling the holder to a pro-rata of all incomes accruing from the building; and they believe that with a good selection of a lot, and proper management in constructing, *this* can be made a remunerative stock.

They do not approve any plan that will encumber the Temple with debt. In their judgment, such a course would be injudicious, and have a tendency to injure the prosperity and mar the harmony of our Order.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that a direct assessment be made upon the Lodges, of one dollar per annum for each member, to be paid out of the Lodge fund. This assessment to continue for the period of five years, and on the completion of the Temple that stock scrip be issued to the Lodges so assessed and paid. This stock to be subject to purchase by the Grand Lodge whenever they shall deem it advisable to do so, and not transferable without its consent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. I. MILLS,
JNO. P. FISKE,
NICHOL MITCHELL,
JOSEPH GODFREY,
R. W. LANDON,
GEO. C. MUNRO,

Committee.

Bros. M. Rev. I. Boynton and A. I. Sawyer, then offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed to report a plan for the establishment of a Court of Appeals in this Grand Jurisdiction, to report at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

J. BOYNTON,
A. I. SAWYER.

Bros. I. Boynton, W. T. Mitchell, J. E. Johnson, James Fenton, M. S. Bracket, and H. Chamberlain were appointed such committee.

M. Rev. I. Boynton then submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was approved and laid upon the table until the next annual communication:

Resolved, That Section 5, of Article six of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows :

Section 5. There shall be established in this Grand Lodge a Court of Appeals, under such regulation as the Grand Lodge shall adopt, and that any Brother deeming himself aggrieved by the decision of this Lodge, may appeal, in writing, to the Court of Appeals, by whom such order shall be taken relating thereto, as the nature of the case may require.

The Special Committee on Lodges destroyed by fire presented a further report, as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

The Special Committee on burnt Lodges to whom was referred that part of the report of D. D. G. M. for the Upper Peninsula, which refers to the loss by fire of Marquette Lodge, No. 101, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and that they have no evidence or information as to whether they had any Insurance on their property. We recommend, however, that their dues be remitted

Your Committee beg leave to report further, that as to resolution referred to them to remit the dues of Portland Lodge No. 81, on the ground that they are somewhat involved by the purchase of a Hall, the committee make no recommendation, all of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. CRANE,
J. S. NORTH,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Accounts then presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

The Standing Committee on Accounts, to whom were referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, would most respectfully submit the following report: That they have examined said accounts and find them correct.

Your Committee further report that they find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of nine thousand eight hundred eighty-three dollars and seventy-two cents (\$9,883 72), and in the hands of the Grand Secretary the sum of forty-nine dollars and twenty-six cents (\$49 26), exclusive of the revenue of the present session, making a total sum of nine thousand nine hundred thirty-two dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$9,932 98).

Your Committee further report that they find due to Messrs. Richmonds & Backus the sum of fifty-eight dollars and twenty cents (\$58 20) for stationery, etc., and would recommend its payment.

So much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address as relates to paying the expenses of the Grand Officers who attended the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, and of the corner-stone of the new City Hall in Detroit, having been submitted to them, they would recommend the payment of all necessary expenses on those occasions, and three dollars (\$3) per diem and ten cents per mile travel one way, to the Grand Officers attending said ceremonies.

Your Committee would further respectfully suggest that the expenses of the Grand Officers in laying corner-stones of public edifices (other than Masonic) should be paid by the parties inviting their attendance.

HARVEY W. BURR,
HENRY CHAMBERLAIN,
DAVID E. WILSON.

It was ordered that the annual election of Grand Officers be made the special order for 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, when the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2½ o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, January 15, 2:30 o'clock.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when Bro. W. B. Kerney, general agent for its sale, presented the Grand Lodge with a copy of Mitchell's History of Masonry, in two elegantly bound volumes, for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge were

returned, and the books ordered to be laid up among the records in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

W. L. G. Sperry offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the W. M. of Lodges, who attended the G. L. by summons of the M. W. G. M. to assist in laying Corner Stone of the New City Hall in Detroit, on the 6th day of August, 1868, be paid out of the funds of the G. L. for their travel and attendance on that occasion, the same per diem fees as for travel and attendance on the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

The Standing Committee on Masonic Law then transmitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan :

Your Standing Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the case of Bro. Frank Johnson, a Fellow Craft of Grand Haven Lodge No. 139, under this Grand jurisdiction, do respectfully report as follows :

Bro. Johnson, after having been passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, received a severe injury, which resulted in necessitating an amputation of his left leg, below the knee.

Your Committee are called upon to express their opinion as to whether Bro. Johnson is, under the facts presented, eligible to the Master Mason's degree.

Your Committee are of the opinion that he is not.

While Bro. Johnson's misfortune is deplorable, and must excite the sympathy of the Fraternity, and while in all other respects he may be thoroughly qualified for admission to the sublime degree, yet it is in this case irreparable.

Your Committee find that, in conferring the several Degrees, the ancient Landmarks, rites and traditions must be strictly adhered to. The loss of an arm or foot is an irreparable obstacle to the conferring of any of the three degrees. In arriving at this conclusion, your Committee find no discrepancy or disagreement among Masonic writers, and it seems to them to be too plain a proposition for argument.

Your Committee were instructed to report a Resolution to this Grand Body, providing for cases of the character above referred to. Accordingly, they respectfully submit, for your consideration, the following resolution :

Resolved, That any physical injury or imperfection which would render the conferring of any of the degrees upon a candidate or brother desiring advancement, as required by the work or ritual, either impossible, imperfect or incomplete, is an insuperable objection to farther progress, until such injury or imperfection be cured or removed. And, in case of loss of hand or foot, such defect is remediless.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the replacement of lost natural members by artificial ones, is no remedy for the difficulty.

On the subject of legislation upon the matter of assessments by subordinate Lodges upon their members for the purchase of real estate, or for the purchase or building of Masonic temples, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and herewith submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption :

Resolved, That it shall not be competent for any subordinate Lodge to vote or levy any tax or assessment upon its members for the purchase of real estate, or for the purchase or building of any Masonic temple or edifice, or for the discharge of any indebtedness incurred for either of said objects.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. S. BRACKETT,
FRED. A. NIMS,
H. M. LOOK.

The special committee to whom was referred the form of Demits and their attestation by the Grand Lodge seal, then submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of Demits, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report : That in their opinion no action of this Grand Lodge is necessary upon the subject ; that the whole question should be left with the Subordinate Lodges.

A Demit is a letter of dismission and a recommendation to another Lodge. It is not intended to be permanent in its character as a certificate of good standing in the Order ; but only evidence that the Brother named therein was, at the time of its issue, in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge ; that he had paid all dues, and a recommendation to any other Lodge within whose jurisdiction he shall reside.

As a rule, all Demits which have been long issued should be looked upon with disfavor, if the Brother holding the same resides within a reasonable distance of a regular Lodge.

HENRY CHAMBERLAIN,
WM. V. MORRISON,
D. C. JACOBS,

Committee.

M. W. W. T. Mitchell then offered the following declaratory resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge in heretofore or hereafter granting Charters to Lodges of brothers of German or other foreign nativity or language does not assent to any change in or modification of the work or lectures, and requires all records, reports and returns to be in English, and that the Worshipful Masters and Wardens, shall be familiar with, and well skilled in the work and lectures in the English language.

W. Bro. Clemmer offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas, Many subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, either from want of a proper knowledge of the work, and several lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge, or in wilful neglect of the same do not comply with Resolution No. 20, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That all Lodges within this jurisdiction are enjoined and prohibited from encouraging, promoting or permitting the delivery or teaching any Masonic lectures or work which are not sanctioned and authorized by this Grand Lodge in accordance with its Constitution; and all Brothers within this jurisdiction are prohibited from delivering or teaching such lectures to Lodges in this State.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer be authorized to recommend, and the M. W. G. Master to appoint under the seal of this Grand Lodge, such assistant lecturers as may be necessary whose jurisdiction shall be set forth in said appointment, whose duty it shall be to visit all Lodges in their jurisdiction at least once in each year or oftener if in his opinion it is necessary, and instruct the several Lodges in the work and lectures, said assistants shall be paid by the Lodges for such services. Provided that they shall not demand to exceed five dollars for any one visit, and that all Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction are strictly enjoined to comply to the work and lectures, as taught by said Grand Lecturer and his assistants duly appointed.

The Standing Committee on Examination then presented the following, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan :

The Standing Committee on Examination, to whom was referred the several applications for Charters, has had the matter under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that Charters be granted to the following named Lodges, to be numbered as follows :

Alma Lodge, No. 344, at Alma, Gratiot Co.
 Camden Lodge, No. 345, at Camden, Hillsdale Co.
 Rockford Lodge, No. 346, at Rockford, Kent Co.
 Brighton Lodge, No. 347, at Brighton, Livingston Co.
 Berlin Lodge, No. 348, at Berlin, Ottawa Co.
 Gaines Lodge, No. 349, at Gaines, Genesee Co.
 Stanton Star Lodge, No. 350, at Stanton, Montcalm Co.
 Wigton Lodge, No. 351, at Hart, Oceana Co.
 Okemos Lodge, No. 352, at Okemos, Ingham Co.
 Allen Lodge, No. 353, at Allen, Hillsdale Co.
 Wakeshma Lodge, No. 354, at Wakeshma Center, Kalamasoo Co.
 Nashville Lodge, No. 355, at Nashville, Barry Co.
 Wenona Lodge, No. 356, at Wenona, Bay Co.
 Sumner Lodge, No. 357, at Elm Hall, Gratiot Co.

In the matter of Cambria Lodge, U. D., at Cambria, Hillsdale Co., and Bridgeport Lodge, U. D., at Bridgeport, Saginaw Co., your committee recommend that their Dispensations be continued until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee have also had under consideration the petition of the Brethren of *Cass River Lodge*, No. 163, asking that the name of their Lodge be changed to *Vassar Lodge*, No. 163, and would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Your committee would further report: That they have had before them the application of sundry Brethren at East Bay, and also from Brethren at Elk Rapids, asking for Charters for new Lodges at these places, but said petitions not being accompanied with the proper demits and certificates, your committee feel unable to take any action in the matter.

Your committee have also had under consideration a verbal application made by a number of our German Brethren of the City of Detroit, praying for a Charter for a new Lodge (with permission to work in the German language). This application was made quite late in the session, and our German Brethren had not prepared themselves with the proper demits, or recommendations from the other City Lodges. In view of the large number of Germans who are members of our Order, many of whom arrive in the country after they have passed meridian of life, and

also of many who are anxious to become members of our order, at an age when it is very difficult for them to learn the work in any other than their mother tongue, your committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, upon condition that their work be in strict conformity to our work, and that all reports and returns to this Grand Lodge shall be in English, and that the Worshipful Master shall be skilled in the lectures and work in the English language, and would recommend that a Dispensation be granted them by the M. W. Grand Master, on their complying with the constitutional requirements.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. NEWTON,
D. W. CLEMMER,
GEO. W. PEASE,
Committee on Examination.

The Grand Lodge then took up the special order, to wit: the annual election, when W. Bros. D. W. Clemmer and F. A. Nims were appointed tellers, when the following brethren were declared elected to the offices set opposite their names respectively, to wit:

A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo,	M. W. Grand Master.
A. PARTRIDGE, of Birmingham,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
E. R. LANDON, of Detroit,	R. W. S. Grand Warden.
J. V. LAMBERTSON, of Rochester,	R. W. J. Grand Warden.
RUFUS W. LANDON, of Niles,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
H. M. LOOK, of Pontiac,	R. W. G. Visitor and Lecturer.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master elect then appointed the remaining grand officers, to wit:

THOS. H. LEE, Jr., Houghton,	D. D. G. M. for Upper Peninsula.
Rev. C. C. YEMANS, Negaunee,	M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.
REUBEN BULLMAN, Detroit,	W. Grand Architect.
CARLOS G. CURTIS, Detroit,	W. S. Grand Deacon.
SETH PETTIBONE, Corunna,	W. J. Grand Deacon.
FREDERICK HART, Adrian,	Grand Marshal.
J. L. MITCHELL, Jackson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. C. RANSOM, Kalamazoo,	Grand Pursivant.
W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit,	Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the beautiful gift presented to us by Bro. H. H. Riley, of Constantine, on behalf of his niece, Miss Warner, respectfully report the following resolution, and recommend its passage:

Resolved, That we accept with pleasure the beautiful illuminated symbolical print, designed and executed by Miss Warner; that we will carefully preserve the same among our archives, and that we tender the donor our sincere thanks, with our best wishes for her future prosperity and happiness.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH McCURDY,

For the Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to pay the expenses of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the past year.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated to our venerable beloved Bro. S. Blanchard, P. G. V. and L., as a token of our appreciation of his eminent services in the office he has so long filled, the same to be payable quarterly; and he be requested to retain his clothing and jewel of office, as a memorial that with them he has made and instructed Masons.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Whereas, We believe it will have a tendency to promote harmony in the working of our institution; therefore,

Resolved, That in cities or towns where more than one Lodge exists, the M. W. G. Master be requested to require the recommendation of a majority of such Lodges before issuing a dispensation for a new Lodge.

On motion of W. Bro. H. M. Look, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Thomas Bell, Esq., General Superintendent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad; to George C. Kimball, Esq., Superintendent of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad; to E. Reidy, Esq., Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk Railroad; to A. Watson, General Superintendent of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad; and to R. G. H. Minty, General Superintendent of the Grand River Valley Railroad, for their courtesy and liberality in granting return passes over their respective roads to our Brethren in attendance at this session.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the above resolution to our friends, the gentlemen above named.

On motion of W. Bro. Ransom, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the report of the Committee on the Erection of a Masonic Temple printed separately, and sent with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in the ratio of one copy for every five members of each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a new apron for the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to Monroe Chapter for the rent of the Grand Secretary's office and use of hall for the year.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer be paid eight hundred dollars for his salary for the ensuing year, in full for his services, the same to be paid quarterly.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid the Grand Steward and Tyler for his services the past year and at this session.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized and directed to procure the printing of the transactions, and such other matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having reference in his contract as well to the price as to the time of performance.

M. W. W. T. Mitchell, P. G. M., then installed the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers, to-wit:

A. T. METCALF,	M. W. Grand Master.
A. PARTRIDGE,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
E. R. LANDON,	R. W. S. Grand Warden.
J. V. LAMBERTSON,	R. W. J. Grand Warden.
HENRY M. LOOK,	R. W. G. Visitor and Lecturer.
Rev. C. C. YEMANS,	M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.
REUBEN BULLMAN,	W. Grand Architect.
CARLOS G. CURTIS,	W. S. Grand Deacon.
SETH PETTIBONE,	W. J. Grand Deacon.
FREDERICK HART,	Grand Marshal.
J. L. MITCHELL,	Grand Sword Bearer
W. C. RANSOM,	Grand Pursuivant.

There being no further business, the Communication of the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in AMPLE FORM, after solemn prayer by the Worshipful and Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST.

JAMES FENTON,
Grand Secretary.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES,

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WITH
THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARIES.

STATES.	SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	William D. Blocher....	Little Rock.
California.....	Alexander G. Abell,...	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Thomas B. Harris.....	Hamilton, O.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler,...	Hartford.
Colorado.....	Ed. C. Parmalee,.....	Central City.
Delaware.....	J. P. Allmond,.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia...	Noble D. Larner,.....	Washington.
Florida.....	Hugh A. Corley,.....	Tallahassee.
Georgia.....	Simri Rose.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Orlin H. Miner,.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell,....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	T. S. Parvin,.....	Iowa City.
Idaho.....	P. E. Edmondson,....	Idaho City.
Kentucky.....	J. M. S. McCorkle,...	Greensburg.
Kansas.....	E. T. Carr,.....	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana.....	Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D.	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry,.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy,...	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Solon Thornton,.....	Boston.
Missouri.....	Geo. Frank Gouley,...	St. Louis.
Mississippi.....	D. P. Porter,.....	Jackson.
Minnesota.....	W. S. Combs,.....	St. Paul.
Montana.....	Wilbur F. Sanders,...	Virginia City.
New Hampshire.....	Horace Chase,.....	Hopkinton.
New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough,....	Trenton.
New York.....	James M. Austin,.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	D. W. Bain,.....	Raleigh.
Nebraska.....	J. N. Wise,.....	Plattsmouth.
Nevada.....	W. A. M. Van Bokkelen,	Virginia City.
New Brunswick.....	W. F. Bunting,.....	St. Johns, N. B.
Nova Scotia.....	Chas. J. McDonald,...	Halifax.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	J. E. Hurford,.....	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thompson,.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Charles D. Greene,....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	R. S. Bruns,.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell,.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	George H. Bringhamst.,	Houston.
Virginia.....	John Dove, M. D.,....	Richmond.
Vermont.....	Henry Clark,.....	Poultney.
Wisconsin.....	William T. Palmer,....	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory..	Thomas M. Reed,.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Thos. H. Logan,.....	Wheeling.
France.....	Au Grand Orient d'France	Rue Cadet, No. 16, Paris.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LODGES

ARE HELD EVERY MONTH ON THE DAYS FOLLOWING *on or before* THE FULL MOON, UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED.

No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
1. Wednesday.	41. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	86. Tuesday.
2. Tuesday.	44. Thursday.	88. Wednesday.
3. Monday.	46. Thursday.	89. Wednesday.
4. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉	47. Friday.	90. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
5. Tuesday.	48. Tuesday.	91. Thursday.
6. Wednesday.	49. Monday.	92. Saturday.
7. Friday.	50. 1st and 3d Wednes'y	93. Wednesday.
8. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.	51. Monday.	94. Monday.
9. Wednesday.	52. Wednesday.	95. Tuesday.
10. Saturday.	54. Tuesday.	96. Monday.
11. Monday.	55. Wednesday.	97. Monday.
12. Tuesday.	56. Thursday.	98. Monday.
13. Tuesday.	57. Tuesday.	99. Tuesday.
14. Third Monday.	58. Thursday.	100. Wednesday.
16. Thursday.	59. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉.	101. First Tuesday.
17. 2d and 4th Thursday.	60. Thursday.	102. Wednesday.
18. First Tuesday.	61. Wednesday.	103. Monday.
19. Wednesday.	62. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	104. Tuesday.
20. Friday.	63. Monday.	105. Monday.
21. Friday.	64. Friday.	106. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.
22. Wednesday.	65. Friday.	107. First Tuesday.
23. Monday.	66. Wednesday <i>before</i> ☉	108. Second Wednes'y
24. Saturday.	67. Second Tuesday.	109. Wednesday.
25. Tuesday.	68. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	110. Monday.
26. Monday.	69. Friday.	111. First Wednesday.
27. Wednesday.	70. Wednesday.	112. Monday.
28. Saturday.	73. Saturday.	113. Wednesday.
29. Friday.	74. Tuesday.	114. Tuesday.
30. Tuesday.	75. Monday <i>before</i> ☉.	115. Tuesday.
31. Tuesday.	76. Tuesday.	116. First Friday.
32. Tuesday.	77. Tuesday.	117. Wednes'y <i>before</i> ☉
33. Thursday.	78. Thursday <i>before</i> ☉.	118. Monday.
34. Wednesday.	79. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.	119. Wednesday.
35. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	80. Friday <i>before</i> ☉.	120. Wednes'y <i>before</i> ☉
36. Wednesday.	81. Wednesday.	121. Thursday.
37. Monday.	82. Tuesday <i>before</i> ☉.	122. Thursday.
38. Wednesday.	83. Thursday.	123. Wednesday.
39. Wednesday.	84. Saturday.	124. Tuesday.
40. Friday.	85. Wednesday.	125. Saturday <i>before</i> ☉.

REGULAR MEETINGS—(Continued.)

No. and days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.	No. and Days of Meeting.
126. Tuesday.	169. Monday.	216. Saturday before ☉.
127. Friday before ☉	170. Monday.	217. Monday.
128. Thursday.	171. Thursday.	218. Fourth Monday.
129. Wednesday.	172. Saturday.	219. Thursday.
130. Thursday.	173. Monday.	220. Saturday before ☉.
131. Thursday.	174. Wednesday.	221. Friday.
132. Tuesday before ☉	175. Saturday.	222. Monday before ☉.
133. Tuesday.	176. First Wednesday.	223. Tuesday.
134. Friday.	177. Friday.	224. Monday.
135. First Tuesday.	179. Saturday before ☉.	225. Wednesday.
136. Monday.	180. Saturday.	226. Wednesday.
137. Thursday.	181. Tuesday.	227. Thursday.
138. Saturday before ☉.	187. Saturday.	228. Monday.
139. Wednesday.	188. Thursday.	229. Thursday.
140. Monday.	189. Monday.	230. Tuesday.
141. Saturday.	190. Tuesday.	231. Tuesday before ☉.
142. Saturday.	191. Wednesday.	232. Saturday.
143. Thursday.	192. Monday.	233. Saturday.
144. Thursday.	193. Wednesday.	234. Thursday before ☉.
145. Tuesday.	194. Thursday.	235. Wednesday.
146. Monday.	195. Third Saturday.	236. Friday.
147. Thursday.	196. Saturday.	237. Tuesday.
148. Monday.	197. Saturday.	238. Wednesday.
149. Saturday.	198. Tuesday.	239. Monday.
150. Wednesday.	199. Wednesday.	240. Tuesday.
151. Wednesday.	200. Tuesday.	241. Monday.
152. Friday.	201. Wedn'd'y before ☉.	242. Wednesday.
154. Thursday.	202. Tuesday.	243. Wednesday.
155. Monday.	203. Tuesday.	244. Saturday.
156. Tuesday.	204. Thursday.	245. Thursday.
157. Tuesday.	205. Tuesday.	246. Thursday.
158. Tuesday before ☉.	206. Thursday.	247. Monday.
159. Thursday before ☉.	207. Friday.	248. Tuesday.
160. Tuesday.	208. Saturday.	249. Wednesday.
161. Wednesday.	209. Tuesday.	250. Tuesday.
162. Saturday.	210. Wednesday.	251. Wednesday.
163. Monday.	211. Thursday.	252. Thursday.
164. Saturday.	212. Tuesday before ☉.	253. Wednesday.
166. Thursday.	213. Tuesday.	254. Thursday.
167. Tuesday.	214. Monday.	255. Wednesday.
168. Tuesday.	215. Saturday.	256. 2d Thursday.
		257. Tuesday.

EXPELLED

NAMES.	LODGES.	NO.	CAUSE.
C. G. Littlefield,.....	Phoenix,	13	u. m. c.
G. Herrick,.....	Murat,	14	u. m. c.
W. D. Stafford,.....	Adrian,.....	19	u. m. c.
N. Chase,.....	Kalamazoo,.....	22	u. m. c.
Job Newark,.....	Mt. Hermon,.....	24	u. m. c.
R. M. Buck,.....	Paw Paw,.....	25	u. m. c.
J. R. Van Wickle,.....	Paw Paw,.....	25	u. m. c.
M. J. Vincent,.....	Monroe,.....	27	u. m. c.
Four, by.....	Grand River,.....	34	u. m. c.
C. L. Tyler,.....	Lyons,.....	37	u. m. c.
W. Colerick,.....	Almont,.....	51	u. m. c.
Aaron Wilson,.....	Occidental,.....	56	u. m. c.
Edward Chancey,.....	Occidental,.....	56	u. m. c.
A. Colquhoun,.....	Lexington,.....	61	u. m. c.
Geo. W. Cooper,.....	Washtenaw,.....	65	u. m. c.
Andrew Hafer,.....	Colon,.....	73	u. m. c.
H. Champion,.....	Myrtle,.....	89	u. m. c.
M. Blakely,.....	Myrtle,.....	89	u. m. c.
L. Milsbaugh,.....	Myrtle,.....	89	u. m. c.
Richard Brownson,.....	Waterford,.....	98	u. m. c.
Morand C. Thompson,....	Hiram,.....	100	u. m. c.
G. H. Wellman,.....	Blissfield,.....	114	u. m. c.
Edward Calley, an E. A.,..	Excelsior,	116	u. m. c.
Lloyd Smith, an E. A.,...	Excelsior,	116	u. m. c.
Enoch White,.....	Rising Sun,	119	u. m. c.
Wm. Church,.....	Ovid,.....	127	u. m. c.
J. M. Crane,.....	Ypsilanti,....	128	u. m. c.
D. B. De Voe,.....	Ypsilanti,.....	128	u. m. c.
S. P. Forbes,.....	Ypsilanti,.....	128	u. m. c.
B. D. Safford,.....	Ypsilanti,.....	128	u. m. c.
David Stanway,.....	Ypsilanti,.....	128	u. m. c.
H. H. Tisdale,.....	Ypsilanti,.....	128	u. m. c.
J. C. Phillips,.....	Stockbridge,.....	130	u. m. c.
F. S. Himball,.....	Stockbridge,.....	130	u. m. c.
Henry C. Elliott,.....	Russell,	144	u. m. c.
N. H. Chapman,.....	Saginaw Valley,.....	154	u. m. c.
J. K. Gooding,.....	Saginaw Valley,.....	154	u. m. c.
J. D. Darrah,.....	Saginaw Valley,.....	154	u. m. c.
A. Shultz,.....	Golden Rule,.....	159	u. m. c.
G. O. Bailey,.....	Mt. Vernon,.....	166	u. m. c.
Jason W. Kellogg,.....	Dearborn,.....	172	u. m. c.
Francis L. De Graft,.....	Gaines,.....	179	u. m. c.
S. P. Buck,.....	St. Louis,	188	u. m. c.

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No.	LODGE.	W. MASTER.	ADDRESS.	Am't Dues.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	No. Members.	REMARKS.
1	Zion,.....	A. J. Brow,.....	Detroit,.....	\$ 84 50	19	10	..	28	81	4	286	.....
2	Detroit,.....	John Strachan,...	Detroit,.....	109 25	31	12	..	1	19	6	325	.....
3	Union of S. O.,	Jos. B. Bampton,	Detroit,.....	93 75	25	6	..	1	24	4	281	.....
4	St. Jos. Valley,	J. B. Fitzgerald,	Niles,.....	34 25	7	4	..	..	2	..	109	.....
5	Rochester,.....	J. C. Wilson,.....	Rochester,...	20 25	5	5	..	..	15	..	61	.....
6	Mt. Clemens,...	Jas. B. Eldrid,...	Mt. Clemens,	21 75	6	1	..	6	7	..	67	.....
7	Washington,...	C. F. Aldrich,...	Tekonsha,...	22 25	3	8	..	1	8	..	75	.....
8	Trenton,.....	T. G. Limbocker,	Trenton,.....	.. ..	8	..	..	..	5	2	73	Dues remitted.
9	Evergreen,.....	Jos. Still,.....	St. Clair,.....	30 25	5	4	..	..	7	1	104	.....
10	Dowagiac,.....	L. S. Henderson,	Dowagiac,...	34 25	12	7	..	..	10	..	86	.....
11	Pine Grove,...	Isaac Thorne,...	Port Huron,...	37 75	7	3	..	..	18	2	143	.....
12	Battle Creek,...	L. L. Livingston,	Battle Creek,	39 ..	8	2	..	..	12	..	118	.....
13	Phoenix,.....	C. N. Webb,.....	Ypsilanti,...	39 25	6	21	1	5	2	..	124	.....
14	Murat,.....	F. W. Sheldon,...	Albion,.....	39 50	13	2	1	..	6	..	110	.....
15	Lafayette,.....	C. L. Spaulding,	Jonesville,...	41 ..	4	32	..	8	4	2	127	.....
16	Jackson,.....	P. R. Lovell,...	Jackson,...	75 75	24	7	..	5	17	2	233	.....
17	Tyre,.....	D. Bovee,.....	Coldwater,...	71 50	15	9	..	14	26	1	245	.....
18	Adrian,.....	O. F. Gregory,...	Adrian,.....	60 25	6	10	1	..	11	4	240	.....
19	St. Albans,...	Albert F. Bull,...	Marshall,...	50 ..	19	5	..	1	14	..	136	.....
20	Pontiac,.....	H. M. Look,...	Pontiac,...	83 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	243	.....
21	Kalamazoo,...	H. J. Brownell,	Kalamazoo,	87 50	38	51	1	1	11	2	329	.....
22	Flint,.....	S. C. Randall,...	Flint,.....	66 75	23	7	..	..	25	2	175	.....
23	Mt. Hermon,...	L. C. Clapp,...	Centreville,...	17 60	8	..	1	..	..	..	61	.....

20	MAXSON,	A. J. Skull,	Hudson,	41	75	11	7	..	..	10	..	138
27	Monroe,	A. I. Sawyer, ...	Monroe,	33	00	5	2	1	..	6	..	119
28	Union,	A. B. Aiken,	Union City,	23	00	11	..	..	3	3	1	60
29	Humanity,	Frank Mead,	Homer,	18	75	6	1	..	2	2	..	58
30	Concord,	A. W. Reynolds, ..	Concord,	31	25	6	16	..	3	3	..	166
31	Portland,	Geo. Hill,	Portland,	31	75	10	2	..	8	8	1	95
32	Fidelity,	W. S. Edwards, ..	Hillsdale,	47	75	6	16	..	3	3	1	166
33	Lansing,	B. F. Buck,	Lansing,	54	50	12	9	6	14	14	..	143
34	Grand River, ..	C. H. Johnson, ...	Gd. Rapids,	67	25	17	14	4	1	9	2	207
35	Siloam,	D. E. Wilson, ...	Constantine,	34	75	10	3	..	16	16	2	115
36	Ionia,	J. S. Bennett,	Ionia,	42	60	10	5	..	15	15	1	145
37	Lyons,	T. Roberts, Jr., ...	Lyons,	35	00	8	11	1	10	10	1	122
38	Howell,	W. C. Runsey, ...	Howell,	28	00	7	17	..	9	9	..	91
39	Western Star, ..	Edward Hall,	Berrin,	22	25	6	..	1	2	2	..	59
40	Franklin,	John E. White, ...	Litchfield,	26	50	7	6	..	5	5	2	78
41	Romeo,	Isaac Crawford, ..	Romeo,	35	00	8	..	1	9	9	..	117
44	Birmingham, ..	A. Partridge,	Birmingham, ..	48	25	16	8	..	6	6	2	143
46	Orion,	Vincent Brown, ...	Orion,	19	25	5	1	..	1	1	..	58
47	Plymouth R'k, ..	W. E. Smith,	Nankin,	30	50	10	4	..	4	4	1	99
48	Austin,	Horatio Wright, ...	Austin,	28	25	6	3	..	5	5	1	101
49	Meridian Sun, ..	S. Valentine,	Sturgis,	35	50	8	9	..	4	4	..	127
50	Michigan,	J. L. Mitchell, ...	Jackson,	43	25	11	2	..	4	4	..	136
51	Almont,	L. H. Briggs,	Almont,	19	75	4	4	1	1	..	..	69
52	Hastings,	Dan'l Striker, ...	Hastings,	37	50	13	4	..	12	12	1	129
54	Lapeer,	C. S. Hicks,	Lapeer,	29	00	10	1	..	8	8	..	92
55	Backus,	J. A. Shingledacker	Cassopolis,	22	75	8	..	..	7	7	1	83
58	Occidental, ...	H. W. Guernsey, ..	St. Joseph,	34	25	6	4	2	6	11	1	104
57	Three Rivers, ...	T. G. Green,	Three Riv.,	40	50	14	8	..	..	..	1	109
58	Port Huron, ...	J. Botsford,	Pt. Huron,	48	75	13	5	..	13	13	1	131
59	Climax,	S. W. Scovell, ...	Climax,	15	75	5	8	..	5	59

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60	Cedar,.....	John T. Peter,...	Clarkston,...	\$ 22 50	5	4			2		74
61	Lexington,...	A. M. Clark,...	Lexington,...	39 75	7	10	1	1	7		172
62	S. Ward,....	W. H. Pringle,...	Marine City,...	18 25	6	3			2	3	55	.....
63	Eaton Rapids,...	G. B. Hamlin,...	Eaton Rapids,...	32 25	9				12	3	105	.....
64	Macomb,....	Henry Bennett,...	Washington,...	23 75	8	2					65	.....
65	Washitenaw,...	A. D. Crane,...	Dexter,.....	29 50	10	3	1		6	1	70	.....
66	Capital of S. O.,	A. Blair,.....	Lansing,.....	62 00	21	17				1	126	.....
67	Ontonagon,...	Jas. Merm,....	Ontonagon,...	15 50	4	3		5		4	83	.....
68	Buchanan,...	D. Terriere,...	Buchanan,...	22 00	2	3		16	3		104	.....
69	Tecumseh,....	G. T. Tetchum,...	Tecumseh,...	43 50	7	3			6		155	.....
70	Mason,.....	W. A. Dunning,...	Mason,.....	29 50	11	4		3	8	2	81	.....
73	Colon,.....	Warren E. Green,...	Colon,.....	23 00	3	7	1				74	.....
74	Dundee,.....	H. Watling,...	Dundee,.....	19 50	4	3					64	.....
75	Utica,.....	P. A. Knight,...	Utica,.....	23 00	3	2		2	5		85	.....
76	Livingston,...	C. W. Haze,....	Livingston,...	30 25	9	4			12	1	103	.....
77	Saginaw,....	G. C. Warner,...	E. Saginaw,...	58 50	20	2			18	1	146	.....
78	Osego,.....	E. M. Allen,...	Osego,.....	19 75	4	4			5	1	69	.....
79	Germania,...	M. C. T. Plessener	Saginaw City	13 03	1						40	.....
80	Byron,.....	Chas. E. Euler,...	Byron,.....	12 00	1	10		3	6		45	.....
81	Owosso,.....	H. C. Kull,....	Owosso,.....	23 00	4	4			6		68	.....
82	Lake St. Clair,	Wm. Randall,...	N. Baltimore	18 50	6	3			2	2	55	.....
83	Bellevue,....	R. B. Hughes,...	Bellevue,....	29 75	13	1		2	11		74	.....
84	Oxford,.....	Geo. L. Pierce,...	Oxford,.....	23 25	7	3		33	4	1	45	.....

86	Valley City,...	J. C. Parker,...	Gd. Rapids,...	...	0	11	4	3	1	7	123
87	Butler,	A. Lampan,...	Butler, .....	...	11	55	50	...	...	15	162
88	Myrtle,	J. C. Merrill, ...	Belleville,...	...	7	25	1	...	...	1	27
89	Lowell,	Judson West,...	Lowell, .....	...	9	29	75	3	...	6	84
90	Ashler,	R. Rowland,...	Detroit, .....	...	16	43	25	3	...	9	109
91	Prairie,	M. Wallford,...	Galesburg,...	...	23	66	50	...	...	12	183
92	Star,	N. W. Thompson	Ossco, .....	...	8	21	25	7	...	9	64
93	Charly,	G. E. Eaton,...	Detroit, .....	...	26	25	8	...	...	5	75
94	Morenci,	F. N. Butler,...	Morenci, .....	...	27	94	00	...	...	28	257
95	Greenville,...	Wm. Maxted,...	Greenville,...	...	2	16	75	2	...	5	70
96	Niles,	Asa G. Dailey,...	Niles, .....	...	6	26	50	1	...	6	84
97	Waterford,...	F. W. Fifield,...	Waterford,...	...	8	29	50	3	...	3	97
98	Decatur,	E. R. Farmer,...	Decatur, .....	...	7	18	25	1	...	2	51
99	Oakwood,	Geo. D. Cowden,	Oakwood, .....	...	3	27	00	7	...	1	76
100	Marquette,...	M. H. Maynard,	Marquette,...	...	4	19	75	4	...	5	61
101	Blanchard,...	F. J. Russell,...	Petersburg,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dues remitted.
102	Greenly,	J. Hart,	Adrian, .....	...	1	14	25	...	...	3	58
103	White Pigeon,	R. A. Green,...	W. Pigeon,...	...	10	64	75	3	...	3	203
104	St. Johns,...	A. J. Wiggins,...	St. Johns,...	...	3	32	00	...	...	3	100
105	St. Peters,...	A. S. Cook,...	Edwards' g,	...	10	46	25	15	...	2	119
106	Eureka,	Geo. R. Hurd,...	Monroe, .....	...	4	18	50	3	...	2	61
107	Rockland,...	D. P. Waite,...	Rockland,...	...	4	16	50	...	...	3	54
108	Fentonville,...	Asa Reynolds,...	Fenton, .....	...	3	20	50	5	...	4	70
109	Hiram,	Joseph Carr,...	Newport,...	...	12	58	25	8	...	12	191
110	Allegan,	Wm. J. Pollard,	Allegan, .....	...	3	25	50	1	...	9	85
111	Wayne,	B. Hodgkinson,	Wayne, .....	...	9	31	00	3	...	13	75
112	Hamilton,...	D. W. Thompson,	Moscow, .....	...	5	32	75	8	...	2	85
113	Blissfield,...	J. B. Clement,...	Blissfield,...	...	12	24	75	5	...	7	100
114	Corunna,...	S. Pettibone,...	Corunna,...	...	10	25	75	67
115	Excelsior,...	H. S. Smith,...	Grass Lake,...	...	8	29	00	4	...	9	94
116				...	8	32	75	5	...	13	100

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117	Reading,	C. B. Reynolds,	Reading, ...	\$ 83 75	9	19	8	..	90
118	Schoolcraft,...	C. F. Wheeler,	Schoolcraft, ..	83 00	10	2	..	1	11	..	82
119	Rising Sun,...	E. C. Hurd,	Lawrence, ...	80 25	8	2	1	..	5	1	89	.....
120	Charlotte, ...	E. S. Lacey, ...	Charlotte, ...	84 75	5	5	..	..	10	..	120	.....
121	Commerce, ...	C. E. Dewey, ...	Four Towns,	17 50	4	5	..	..	2	..	61	.....
122	Ottawa,	Thos. Lowe, ...	Eastmanville	22 50	6	14	..	5	8	2	69	.....
123	Ithica,	W. W. Comstock,	Ithica,	16 75	7	4	..	..	8	..	48	.....
124	Eagle,	A. Borden,	St. Joseph, ...	80 00	9	3	..	..	..	..	87	.....
125	Fairfield, ...	J. W. Nash, ...	Fairfield, ...	88 50	10	4	..	..	19	..	104	.....
126	Forest,	Chas. Hebdon,	Capac,	18 00	5	8	..	6	2	..	58	.....
127	Ovid,	W. H. Faxon, ...	Ovid,	28 25	7	4	1	..	7	8	92	.....
128	Ypsilanti, ...	J. E. Marvin, ...	Ypsilanti, ...	35 25	17	3	7	2	9	..	97	.....
129	Bay City, ...	R. J. Carney, ...	Bay City, ...	83 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	104	.....
130	Stockbridge, ..	H. Gregory, ...	Newadilla, ...	27 25	7	2	2	..	5	..	89	.....
131	Newago,	S. D. Thompson,	Newago, ...	27 25	6	1	..	..	12	..	55	.....
132	Linden,	G. Murray, ...	Linden, ...	19 00	5	..	..	..	5	1	77	.....
133	Saline,	E. B. Clark, ...	Saline, ...	23 50	8	3	..	1	4	..	76	.....
134	Holly,	Bela Cogshall,	Holly, ...	24 00	6	6	..	..	7	1	97	.....
135	Quincy,	A. S. Frain, ...	Hancock, ...	81 75	7	9	..	..	24	..	96	.....
136	Pokagon, ...	Wm. Bates, ...	Sunnerville,	12 25	3	5	..	..	4	..	41	.....
137	Mendon, ...	C. A. Palmer, ...	Mendon, ...	31 50	11	5	..	..	7	..	82	.....
138	Pt. Hope, ...	A. J. Matthewson	Pt. Hope, ...	27 50	..	2	..	..	..	..	82	.....
139	Grand Haven,	Geo. Parks, ...	Gd. Haven,	23 00	9	1	..	..	5	..	65	.....

141	Mystic,.....	M. Clark,.....	Bronson,...	52	4	1	2	3	144
142	Memphis,.....	L. G. Sperry,.....	Memphis,...	42 50	18	4	2	18	103
143	Harmony,.....	J. E. Barringer,...	Arnada,....	25 75	15	3	1	9	89
144	Russell,.....	J. J. Sumner,.....	Lambertville	22 00	7	2	..	5	63
145	Maple Rapids,...	E. Mudge,.....	Maple Rap's,	14 25	4	1	1	6	50
146	Boston,.....	C. W. Stowe,.....	Saranac,....	18 75	4	3	..	4	62
147	Warren,.....	Chas. Low,.....	Hudson,....	28 35	..	8	4	11	80
148	Manchester,...	A. Case,.....	Manchester,	17 23	9	4	..	6	63
149	United,.....	E. H. Glenn,.....	Cooper,....	26 25	9	1	1	4	73
150	Dryden,.....	M. Fuller,.....	Dryden,....	24 25	9	3	..	1	71
151	Farmington,...	Norman Lee,.....	Farmington,	34 50	14	2	..	16	79
152	Redford,.....	Jas. McKinney,...	Redford,...	19 25	4	5	..	2	68
153	Williamston,...	J. N. Waldo,.....	Williamston,	25 75	9	1	..	6	76
154	Saginaw Valley	Fred. L. Eaton,...	Saginaw City	17 75	6	2	..	4	47
155	Salina,.....	A. Linton,.....	S. Saginaw..	34 50	14	2	8	9	81
156	Olive,.....	Orin Thatcher,...	Chelsea,...	28 25	12	15	..	14	64
157	Addison,.....	Wm. Brown,.....	Addison,...	17 75	7	2	..	7	56
158	Star of Lake,...	L. H. Bailey,.....	South Haven	23 25	6	2	..	5	76
159	Golden Rule,...	Robt. J. Price,...	Ann Arbor,...	40 00	15	6	1	8	116
160	Dansville,.....	Jos. Keene,.....	Dansville,...	34 75	14	3	1	7	99
161	N. Newberg,...	B. Haight,.....	N. Newburg,	19 50	3	1	1	2	66
162	Coloma,.....	Jas. H. Marvin,.....	Coloma,....	31 50	14	2	..	10	93
163	Vassar,.....	Wm. Lake, Jr.,...	Vassar,.....	11 25	5	4	..	16	37
164	Fowlerville, ..	H. N. Spencer,...	Fowlerville,	16 50	5	2	..	5	44
165	Milford,.....	H. D. Tenney,...	Milford,....	24 50	5	1	1	5	78
166	Mt. Vernon,...	M. Hawley,.....	Quincy,....	29 00	8	2	1	9	86
167	Tracy,.....	Hiram T. Fife,...	Deerfield,...	35 50	13	4	1	7	100
168	Temple,.....	R. A. Bury,.....	Adrian,....	15 75	2	2	..	2	58
169	Brooklyn,.....	A. S. Palmer,...	Brooklyn,...	47 00	27	2	..	..	105
170	Wyandotte,...	J. S. Van Alstyne,	Wyandotte,.	38 25	14	1	..	10	99
				..	7	1	..	8	60
									Dues remitted.

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171	Big Rapids,....	E. O. Rose,.....	Big Rapids,....	\$ 25 25	9				17	1	66
172	Dearborn,....	Squire Lappens,...	Dearborn, ..	25 75	15		1		3		56
173	Evening Star,...	Alex. Kerr,.....	Medina,.....	19 50	5	1			4	1	61	.....
174	Genesee,.....	J. B. Newton,...	Flint,.....	29 50	17	2				2	94	.....
175	Clinton,.....	D. Woodard,...	Clinton,....	21 50	4				6		75	.....
176	Hillsdale,....	R. A. Everett,...	Hillsdale,...	17 50	10	1			2		36	.....
177	Croton,.....	J. F. Ganweiler,...	Croton,.....	14 00	7	2					31	.....
178	Tuscan,.....	Wm. Reynolds,...	Hubbardston,...	15 25	2	2			3	1	55	.....
179	Grand Lodge,...	G. W. Thomas,...	Grand Lodge,...	28 00	14	4	1		9		66	.....
180	Pilgrim,.....	G. H. Mallory,...	Fremont Ctr	11 75	4	5			2		31	.....
181	Orangeville, ..	Eli Nichols,....	Orangeville,...	21 50	11				2		38	.....
182	Lovel Moore,...	Joseph Ireland,...	Muskegon,...	34 25	10	1			2		56	.....
183	Parna,.....	R. Landon,.....	Parna,.....	24 00	6	6			10	1	66	.....
184	Palmyra,.....	W. G. Smith,....	Palmyra,....	17 75	17	4			5		41	.....
185	Pleasant Lake,...	H. B. Hawley, ..	Fitchburg,...	18 50	11	4			2		35	.....
186	Northville,...	F. R. Reel,.....	Northville,...	25 25	10				2		63	.....
187	Richmond,....	O. S. Burgess,...	Richmond,...	17 00	5	4			1	1	48	.....
188	St. Louis, ..	O. A. Eversden,...	St. Louis,...	25 25	17	3	1		3		43	.....
189	Adams,.....	Albert Kenyon,...	N. Adams,...	16 75	5	4			2	1	52	.....
190	Portsmouth,...	W. H. Southworth	Portsmouth,...	34 50	12				8		52	.....
191	Unity,.....	J. O. Doerschburg,	Holland,....	11 00	4	2			3		30	.....
192	Summit,.....	N. Hamilton,...	Buchanan,...	23 75	7	2			2		52	.....
193	Dutcher,....	T. B. Dutcher,...	Doughes,....	21 75	18	4		1	20	1	51	.....

185	Delta,	H. A. Barr,	Escanaba, ..	15	75	5	4	..	..	0	..	39	.....
196	Grattan,	H. E. Whitney, ..	Grattan, ..	23	50	9	4	1	..	10	..	39	.....
197	Winfield,	John Towers, ..	Onondaga, ..	14	25	5	2	..	..	8	..	35	.....
198	Montague,	G. E. Dowling, ..	Montague, ..	17	75	4	1	..	..	3	..	52	.....
199	Alpena,	S. L. Carpenter, ..	Alpena, ..	19	25	6	1	..	..	15	1	53	.....
200	Oceana,	Rev. J. Boynton, ..	Pentwater, ..	27	00	14	9	1	..	9	..	61	.....
201	Algonac,	D. G. Jones, ..	Algonac, ..	15	75	8	..	1	..	1	..	32	.....
202	Negaunee,	A. W. Maitland, ..	Negaunee, ..	19	75	14	2	..	..	11	..	42	.....
203	Palo,	W. H. Freeman, ..	Palo,	14	50	6	..	..	..	6	..	36	.....
204	Coffinbury,	J. G. Miller, ..	Bangor,	11	50	4	..	..	..	4	..	33	.....
205	Vienna,	R. Johnson,	Pine Run, ..	21	00	7	..	..	..	11	..	49	.....
206	Park,	G. W. Osborne, ..	Parkville, ..	21	00	11	5	..	..	4	..	40	.....
207	Bedford,	Chas. Austin, ..	Bedford, ..	26	75	15	2	..	..	10	..	49	.....
208	Brady,	J. W. Baker, ..	Brady,	30	00	15	2	..	..	20	..	60	.....
209	Liberty,	H. C. Kimball, ..	Liberty, ..	20	50	11	1	..	..	5	..	42	.....
210	Handy,	L. Fitch,	Hadley,	15	25	8	4	..	..	7	2	31	.....
211	Hartland,	O. B. Chambers, ..	Hartland, ..	18	50	11	..	..	..	5	..	36	.....
212	Leslie,	W. H. Rice,	Leslie,	26	00	11	2	..	..	4	..	67	.....
213	Cedar Springs, ..	C. S. Ford,	Cedar Springs	29	00	16	4	..	..	17	1	50	.....
214	Peninsular,	D. W. Clemmer, ..	Dowagiac, ..	14	00	5	1	..	..	4	..	34	.....
215	Cato,	J. Tennant,	Forestville, ..	14	75	4	1	..	..	2	..	35	.....
216	Lawton,	F. B. Adams,	Lawton,	22	50	12	3	..	..	14	..	47	.....
217	Richland,	W. S. Logan,	Richland, ..	26	75	14	3	..	..	8	..	51	.....
218	Houghton,	Thos. N. Lee,	Houghton, ..	31	00	13	2	1	..	15	2	78	.....
219	Cass,	Jas. McDonald, ..	Pt. Austin, ..	29	00	13	1	..	..	..	..	32	.....
220	Athens,	Nelson Wells,	Athens,	18	75	9	9	..	..	4	1	42	.....
221	Bloomington,	Sam'l Holmes,	Lake Mills, ..	15	75	6	..	..	..	8	..	36	.....
222	Traverse City, ..	Chas. W. Day, ..	Traverse City	20	50	13	3	..	..	1	1	31	.....
223	Flushing,	A. E. Perry,	Flushing, ..	27	25	15	6	..	51
224	James Fenton, ..	Geo. W. Pease, ..	Wayland,	27	50	13	23	..	64

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225	Augusta,	O. R. Smith,	Augusta,	\$ 17 25	8	1	4	..	40	..
226	Mt. Moriah,	S. R. Cross,	Tuscola C'ty,	29 50	19	2	10	..	42	..
227	Volinia,	John Struble,	Volinia,	10 50	9	..	..	..	1	..	27	..
228	Manistee,	Wm. Dunham,	Manistee,	27 00	14	8	..	..	18	..	41	..
229	Lisbon,	E. Koon,	Lisbon,	31 00	18	1	..	..	8	..	57	..
230	Lainesburg,	E. B. Ward,	Lainesburg,	8 75	4	..	..	..	8	..	28	..
231	Middleville,	H. J. Whitney,	Middleville,	17 50	8	3	..	..	10	..	32	..
232	Vermontville,	H. G. Barber,	Vermontville,	23 25	17	4	..	1	10	..	36	..
233	Salathiel,	S. W. Duncomb,	Keelersville,	16 75	11	1	..	..	6	..	25	..
234	Spring Lake,	H. W. Cleveland,	Spring Lake,	13 75	7	3	..	..	8	..	29	..
235	Plainwell,	J. V. Rogers,	Plainwell,	29 50	15	..	..	..	15	..	43	..
236	Goodrich,	Ed. Couse,	Goodrich,	18 50	9	..	..	..	2	..	29	..
237	Sanilac,	Mark Willis,	Pt. Sanilac,	26 00	16	1	..	..	5	..	38	..
238	Elsie,	T. W. Lusk,	Elsie,	15 25	10	1	..	..	6	..	20	..
239	Three Oaks,	H. Chamberlin,	Three Oaks,	28 25	22	..	..	..	10	..	25	..
240	Oriental,	H. W. Burt,	Detroit,	32 00	18	..	..	..	7	..	47	..
241	Corinthian,	W. W. Brainard,	St. Johns,	18 75	9	..	..	..	..	..	27	..
242	Keweenaw,	W. P. Spalding,	Keweenaw,	20 50	17	1	..	..	20	..	23	..
243	Au Sable,	Jas. W. Dally,	Au Sable,	20 75	13	1	..	..	6	..	38	..
244	Alma,	T. Bamforth,	Alma,	10 45	3	..	..	..	1	..	21	\$50 for Charter.
245	Camden,	J. J. Young,	Camden,	18 75	30	..	..	..	10	..	48	50 for Charter.
246	Rockford,	Wm. Powell,	Rockford,	30 20	13	2	..	..	3	..	21	50 for Charter.
247	Brighton,	Adolph Buck,	Brighton,	13 75	9	1	..	..	12	1	29	50 for Charter.

PAY ROLL—Session 1869, at Detroit.

No.	LODGERS.	Miles.	Milage.	Per Diem	Total.	To whom paid.
1	Zion, .....	...	...	\$9 00	\$9 00	A. J. Brow.
2	Detroit, .....	...	...	9 00	9 00	John Strochan.
3	Union of S. O., ..	...	...	9 00	9 00	G. W. Sparks.
4	St. Jos. Valley, ..	191	\$19 10	9 00	23 10	J. B. Fitzgerald.
5	Rochester,	25	2 50	9 00	11 50	J. V. Lambertson.
6	Mt. Clemens,	24	2 40	9 00	11 40	G. W. Robertson.
7	Washington,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	C. T. Aldridge.
8	Trenton,	20	2 00	9 00	11 00	T. G. Limbocker.
9	Evergreen,	56	5 60	9 00	14 60	Joseph Stitt.
10	Dowagiac,	178	17 80	9 00	26 80	L. S. Henderson.
11	Pine Grove,	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	Isaac Thorn.
12	Battle Creek,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	L. L. Livingston.
13	Phoenix,	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	C. N. Webb.
14	Murat,	97	9 70	9 00	18 70	F. W. Sheldon.
16	Lafayette,	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	C. L. Spalding.
17	Jackson,	77	7 70	9 00	16 70	P. R. Lovell.
18	Tyre,	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	D. Bovee.
19	Adrian,	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	O. F. Gregory.
20	St. Albans,	107	10 70	9 00	19 70	A. F. Bull.
21	Pontiac,	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	H. M. Look.
22	Kalamazoo,	143	14 30	9 00	23 30	O. F. Blood.
23	Flint,	60	6 00	9 00	25 00	S. C. Randall.
24	Mt. Hermon,	180	18 00	...	17 50	L. A. Clapp.
25	Paw Paw,	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	H. L. Egglestone.
26	Maxson,	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	A. J. Skutt.
27	Monroe,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	A. I. Sawyer.
28	Union,	149	14 90	...	23 00	A. B. Aiken.
29	Humility,	107	10 70	...	18 75	Chas. Doolittle.
30	Concord,	96	9 60	9 00	18 60	A. W. Reynolds.
31	Portland,	136	13 60	9 00	22 60	Geo. Hill.
32	Fidelity,	105	10 50	9 00	19 50	W. S. Edwards.
33	Lansing,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	B. F. Buck.
34	Grand River,	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	C. N. Johnson.
35	Siloam,	170	17 00	9 00	28 00	D. E. Wilson.
36	Ionia,	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	J. S. Bennett.
37	Lyons,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	T. Roberts, Jr.
38	Howell,	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	W. C. Rumsey.
39	Western Star, ...	200	20 00	...	22 25	E. Hall.
40	Franklin,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	J. E. White.
41	Romeo,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	I. Crawford.
44	Birmingham, ...	19	1 90	9 00	10 90	E. Reynolds.
46	Orion,	37	3 70	9 00	12 70	E. R. Redfield.
47	Plymouth Rock, ..	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	W. E. Smith.
48	Austin,	46	4 60	9 00	13 60	H. Wright.
49	Meridian Sun, ...	154	15 40	9 00	24 40	H. Valentine.
50	Michigan,	76	7 60	9 00	16 60	J. L. Mitchell.

PAY ROLL — (Continued.)

	LODGES.	Miles.	Milage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom paid.
1	Almont,	60	\$ 6 00	\$9 00	\$15 00	L. H. Briggs.
2	Hastings,	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	D. Striker.
3	Lapeer,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	C. S. Hicks.
4	Backus,	188	18 80	...	22 75	J. A. Shingledecker
5	Occidental,	216	21 60	9 00	30 60	H. W. Guernsey.
6	Three Rivers, ...	186	18 60	9 00	27 60	T. G. Green.
7	Port Huron,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	J. S. Botsford.
8	Climax,	132	13 20	9 00	15 75	L. W. Lovell.
9	Cedar,	35	3 50	9 00	12 50	J. T. Peter.
10	Lexington,	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	G. Smith.
11	S. Ward,	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	W. H. Pringle.
12	Eaton Rapids, ...	102	10 20	9 00	19 20	G. B. Hamlin.
13	Macomb,	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	Henry Bennett.
14	Washtenaw,	47	4 70	9 00	13 70	A. D. Crane.
15	Capital of S. O.,	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	A. Blair.
16	Ontonagon, ....	...	...	...	9 00	A. G. Hibbard.
17	Buchanan,	197	19 70	...	22 00	D. Terriere.
18	Tecumseh,	85	8 50	0 00	17 50	G. T. Ketchum.
19	Mason,	115	11 50	0 00	20 50	N. A. Dunning.
20	Colon,	157	15 70	...	23 00	A. J. Kinne.
21	Dundee,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	H. Watling.
22	Utica,	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	P. A. Knight.
23	Livingston,	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	C. W. Hazs.
24	Saginaw,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	G. C. Warner.
25	Otsego,	157	15 70	...	19 75	W. D. Austin.
26	Byron,	65	6 50	...	12 00	C. E. Engler.
27	Owosso,	95	9 50	9 00	18 50	H. C. Knill.
28	Lake St. Clair, ..	34	3 40	9 00	12 40	Wm. Randall.
29	Bellevue,	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	R. B. Hughes.
30	Oxford,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	J. S. Pierce.
31	Ann Arbor,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	Sibley Taylor.
32	Valley City,	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	J. C. Parker.
33	Butler, .....	...	...	...	7 25	J. C. Hagar.
34	Myrtle,	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	J. C. Merrell.
35	Lowell,	148	14 80	9 00	23 80	J. West.
36	Ashlar, .....	...	...	...	9 00	R. Rowland.
37	Prairie,	134	13 40	...	21 75	M. W. Alfred.
38	Star,	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	N. W. Thompson.
39	Charity, .....	...	...	...	9 00	Geo. Eaton.
40	Morenci,	95	9 50	...	16 75	F. N. Butler.
41	Greenville,	199	16 70	9 00	25 70	John Lewis.
42	Niles,	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	A. C. Dailey.
43	Waterford,	33	3 30	9 00	12 30	F. W. Fifield.
44	Decatur,	166	16 60	9 00	25 60	E. R. Farmer.
45	Oakwood,	42	4 20	9 00	13 20	G. D. Cowden.
46	Blanchard,	57	5 70	...	14 25	J. I. Russell.
47	Greenly,	72	7 20	9 00	16 20	Fred. Hart.
48	White Pigeon, ..	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	R. A. Green.
49	St. Johns,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	A. J. Wiggins.

PAY ROLL — (Continued.)

No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Milage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom paid.
106	St. Peters,.....	200	\$20 00	...	\$18 50	A. S. Cook.
107	Eureka,.....	41	4 10	\$9 00	13 00	H. S. Noble.
108	Rockland,.....	...	...	...	20 50	F. W. Anthony.
109	Fentonville,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	Asa Reynolds.
110	Hiram,.....	31	3 10	9 00	12 10	Jas. Carr.
111	Allegan,.....	168	16 80	9 00	25 80	W. J. Pollard.
112	Wayne,.....	18	1 80	9 00	10 80	B. Hodgkinson.
113	Hamilton,.....	122	12 20	9 00	21 20	D. W. Thompson.
114	Blissfield,.....	82	8 20	9 00	17 20	R. B. C. Newcomb.
115	Coruna,.....	87	8 70	9 00	17 70	S. Pettibone.
116	Excelsior,.....	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	H. S. Smith.
117	Reading,.....	126	12 60	9 00	21 60	C. B. Reynolds.
118	Schoolcraft,.....	160	16 00	9 00	25 00	J. H. Roberts.
119	Rising Sun,.....	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	E. C. Hurd.
120	Charlotte,.....	137	13 70	9 00	22 70	E. S. Lacey.
121	Commerce,.....	37	3 70	9 00	12 70	C. E. Dewey.
122	Ottawa,.....	180	18 00	...	22 50	Thomas Howe.
123	Ithica,.....	120	12 00	9 00	16 75	W. W. Comstock.
124	Eagle,.....	147	14 70	9 00	23 70	A. Bordner.
125	Fairfield,.....	78	7 80	9 00	16 80	J. W. Nash.
126	Forest,.....	60	6 00	9 00	15 00	Wm. B. Preston.
127	Ovid,.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	W. H. Faxon.
128	Ypsilanti,.....	30	3 00	9 00	12 00	J. E. Marvin.
129	Bay City,.....	115	11 50	9 00	20 50	R. J. Carney.
130	Stockbridge,.....	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	H. Gregory.
131	Newago,.....	200	20 00	...	19 00	L. D. Thompson.
132	Linden,.....	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	Geo. Murray.
133	Saline,.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	Wm. Allison.
134	Holly,.....	55	5 50	9 00	14 50	A. P. Waldo.
135	Quincy,.....	...	...	...	19 00	J. A. Burtenshaw.
136	Pokagon,.....	184	18 40	...	12 25	Wm. Bates.
137	Mendon,.....	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	C. A. Palmer.
138	Port Hope,.....	131	13 10	9 00	22 10	A. J. Mathewson.
139	Grand Haven,.....	189	18 90	...	23 00	Geo. Park.
140	Muskegon,.....	200	20 00	9 00	29 00	F. A. Nims.
141	Mystic,.....	140	14 00	9 00	23 00	Milo Clark.
142	Memphis,.....	52	5 20	9 00	14 20	M. G. Sperry.
143	Harmony,.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	J. E. Barringer.
144	Russell,.....	60	6 00	...	14 25	J. J. Sumner.
145	Maple Rapids,.....	114	11 40	...	18 75	E. Mudge.
146	Boston,.....	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	C. W. Stowe.
147	Warren,.....	92	9 20	...	17 25	Chas. Lowe.
148	Manchester,.....	97	9 70	9 00	18 70	Albert Case.
149	United,.....	150	15 00	9 00	24 00	E. H. Glen.
150	Dryden,.....	66	6 60	9 00	15 60	Miner Fuller.
151	Farmington,.....	19	1 90	9 00	10 90	J. H. Smith.
152	Redford,.....	13	1 30	9 00	10 30	J. McKinney.
153	Williamston,.....	115	11 50	...	17 75	J. W. Waldo.
154	Saginaw Valley,.....	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	J. S. North.
155	Salina,.....	108	10 80	9 00	19 80	A. Linton.

PAY ROLL - (Continued.)

LODGES.	Miles.	Milage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom paid.
Olive,.....	54	\$ 5 40	\$9 00	\$14 40	Orin Thatcher.
Addison,....	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	O. B. Bowen.
Star of the Lake,.	200	20 00	9 00	29 00	L. H. Bailey.
Golden Rule,....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	R. J. Price.
Dansville,.....	109	10 90	...	19 50	A. Grabowsky.
North Newburg,.	65	7 50	9 00	16 50	Bruce Haight.
Coloma,.....	190	19 00	...	11 25	I. H. Marvin.
Cass River,.....	90	9 00	...	16 50	L. C. Davis.
Fowlerville,....	75	7 50	9 00	16 50	H. N. Spencer.
Milford,.....	44	4 40	9 00	13 40	H. D. Tenny.
Mt. Vernon,....	120	12 00	9 00	21 00	M. Hawley.
Tracy,.....	61	6 10	9 00	15 10	Alex. Lawson.
Temple,.....	74	7 40	9 00	16 40	R. A. Bury.
Brooklyn,.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	A. S. Palmer.
Wyandotte,....	17	1 70	9 00	10 70	I. S. Van Alstyne.
Big Rapids,....	230	23 00	...	25 25	W. I. Lattimer.
Dearborn,.....	10	1 00	9 00	10 00	Squire Lappens.
Evening Star,...	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	Alex. Kerr.
Genesee,.....	65	6 50	9 00	15 15	J. B. Newton.
Clinton,.....	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	D. Woodward.
Hillsdale,....	105	10 50	...	17 50	R. A. Everett.
Croton,.....	200	20 00	...	14 00	J. F. Ganweiler.
Tuscan,.....	108	10 80	...	15 25	W. Reynolds.
Grand Ledge,...	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	G. W. Thomas.
Pilgrim,.....	200	20 00	...	11 75	G. H. Mallony,
Orangeville,....	162	16 20	...	21 50	Eli Nichols.
Lovell Moore,...	200	20 00	9 00	29 00	Jos. Ireland.
Parma,.....	86	8 60	9 00	17 60	R. Landon.
Palmyra,.....	70	7 00	9 00	16 00	W. G. Smith.
Pleasant Lake,...	86	8 60	9 00	17 60	H. B. Hawley.
Northville,....	25	2 50	9 00	11 50	F. R. Beal.
Richmond,.....	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	S. M. Stone.
St. Louis,.....	130	13 00	9 00	22 00	O. A. Everden.
Adams,.....	112	11 20	...	16 75	A. Kenyon.
Portsmouth,....	110	11 00	9 00	20 00	W. H. Southworth
Unity,.....	200	20 00	...	11 00	J. O. Doesburg.
Summit,.....	197	19 70	...	22 75	N. Hamilton.
Dutcher,.....	193	19 30	...	21 75	L. A. Shedd.
Chesaning,.....	95	9 50	...	12 00	R. W. Andrews.
Grattan,.....	186	18 60	...	23 50	H. E. Whitney.
Winfield,.....	100	10 00	...	14 25	John Towers.
Montague,.....	230	23 00	...	17 75	G. E. Dowling.
Alpena,.....	250	25 00	...	9 00	E. G. Allen.
Algonac,.....	50	5 00	9 00	14 00	J. S. Raymond.
Negaunee,.....	850	85 00	...	19 75	C. C. Yemans.
Palo,.....	126	12 60	...	14 50	W. H. Freeman.
Coffinbury,....	200	20 00	...	11 50	J. G. Miller.
Vienna,.....	75	7 50	9 00	16 50	R. Johnson.
Park,.....	190	19 00	...	20 00	G. W. Osburn.

PAY ROLL — (Continued.)

No.	LODGERS.	Miles.	Millage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom paid.
207	Bedford,	128	\$12 80	\$9 00	\$21 80	C. Austin.
208	Brady,	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	J. W. Baker.
209	Liberty,	92	9 20	9 00	18 20	H. C. Kimbal.
210	Hadley,	64	6 40	9 00	15 25	L. Fitch.
211	Hartland,	62	6 20	9 00	15 20	O. B. Chambers.
212	Leslie,	92	9 20	9 00	18 20	Wm. H. Rice.
213	Cedar Springs,...	192	19 20	9 00	28 20	C. S. Ford.
214	Peninsular,	178	17 80	...	14 00	D. W. Clemmer.
215	Cato,	117	11 70	...	14 75	John. Tenant.
216	Lawton,	150	15 00	...	22 50	F. D. Adams.
217	Richland,	153	15 30	9 00	24 30	W. S. Logan.
218	Houghton, .....	...	...	...	31 00	J. Q. McKernon.
220	Athens,	140	...	...	18 25	N. S. Wells.
221	Bloomington, ...	176	17 60	...	15 75	H. E. Goble.
222	Traverse City, ...	290	...	...	20 50	C. W. Day.
224	James Fenton, ...	170	17 00	9 00	26 00	Geo. W. Pease.
225	Agusta,	130	13 00	...	17 25	O. R. Smith.
226	Mt. Moriah,	114	11 40	9 00	20 40	J. J. Wilder.
227	Volinia,	160	...	...	16 50	J. Struble.
229	Lisbon,	180	18 00	9 00	27 00	C. E. Koon.
230	Lansingburg,	84	...	...	8 75	E. B. Ward.
231	Middleville,	164	...	...	17 50	H. I. Whitney.
232	Vermontville, ...	135	13 50	...	22 50	H. G. Barber.
233	Salathiel,	180	...	...	16 75	S. W. Duncomb.
235	Plainwell,	155	15 50	9 00	24 50	J. V. Rogers.
236	Goodrich,	70	7 00	9 00	16 00	E. Couse.
237	Sanilac,	100	10 00	9 00	19 00	Mark Willis.
238	Elsie,	92	...	...	15 25	T. W. Lusk.
239	Three Oaks, .....	...	...	...	28 25	H. Chamberlain.
240	Oriental, .....	...	...	...	9 00	H. W. Burr.
241	Corinthian,	98	...	...	18 75	W. W. Brainard.
242	Keweenaw, .....	...	...	...	16 50	D. C. Jacques.
243	Au Sable,	200	...	...	20 75	Jas. W. Dally.
244	Alma,	120	...	...	10 25	T. Bamborough.
246	Rockford,	175	17 50	9 00	26 50	Wm. Powell.
246	Brighton,	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	Adolph Buck.
249	Gaines,	62	6 20	9 00	15 20	B. Cogshall.
250	Stanton Star, ...	148	14 80	9 00	23 80	R. Wallace.
251	Wigton,	200	...	...	12 50	J. M. Rice.
252	Okemos,	93	...	...	10 00	J. F. Smiley.
256	Nashville,	138	...	...	5 00	Lewis Durkee.
255	Wenona,	115	...	...	11 25	N. Matherson.
257	Sumner,	142	...	...	13 00	D. Stoughton.
U. D.	Bridgeport,	94	...	...	5 50	W. H. P. Benjamin.

PAY ROLL — (Continued.)

Grand Officers Session January 8, 1868, at Detroit.

GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom Paid.
M. W. Grand Master,...	180	\$18 00	\$9 00	\$27 00	S. C. Coffinbury.
Deputy Grand Master,...	143	14 30	9 00	23 30	A. T. Metcalf.
Grand Senior Warden,...	18	1 80	9 00	10 80	A. Partridge.
Grand Junior Warden,...	...	...	...	9 00	E. R. Landon.
Grand Treasurer,...	191	19 10	9 00	28 10	R. W. Landon.
Grand Secretary,...	...	...	...	9 00	James Fenton.
Grand Senior Deacon,...	...	...	...	9 00	J. B. Bampton.
Grand Junior Deacon,...	157	15 70	9 00	24 70	W. J. Green.
Grand Chaplain,...	250	25 00	9 00	34 00	I. Boynton.
Grand Marshal,...	90	9 00	9 00	18 00	D. R. Stroud.
Grand V. and Lecturer,...	85	8 50	9 00	17 50	S. Blanchard.
Grand Architect,...	...	...	...	9 00	J. W. Gilbert.
Grand Sword Bearer,...	40	4 00	9 00	13 00	Geo. R. Hurd.
Grand Tyler,*	...	...	...	100 00	W. V. Griffith.
Past Grand Master,...	65	6 50	9 00	15 50	W. T. Mitchell.
Past Grand Master,...	112	11 20	9 00	20 20	G. C. Munro.
Past Grand Master,...	26	2 60	9 00	11 60	F. Darrow.

* By vote.

Grand Officers, Session June 24, 1868, at Philadelphia.

GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom paid.
Grand Master,	\$112 00	S. C. Coffinbury.
Deputy Grand Master,...	112 00	A. T. Metcalf.
Grand V. and Lecturer,...	112 00	S. Blanchard.
Grand Treasurer,	112 00	R. W. Landon.

PAY ROLL - (Continued.)

Grand Officers, August 6, 1868, Laying Corner Stone, City Hall, Detroit

GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom paid.
M. W. Grand Master,...	180	\$18 00	\$6 00	\$24 00	S. C. Coffinbury.
Deputy Grand Master,...	143	14 30	6 00	20 30	A. T. Metcalf.
Grand Senior Warden,...	18	1 80	6 00	7 80	A. Partridge.
Grand Junior Warden,...	...	.....	3 00	3 00	E. R. Landon.
Grand Treasurer,.....	191	19 10	6 00	25 10	R. W. Landon.
Grand Secretary,.....	...	.....	3 00	3 00	J. Fenton.
Grand Senior Deacon,...	...	.....	3 00	3 00	J. B. Hampton.
Grand Marshal,.....	90	9 00	6 00	15 00	D. R. Stroud.
Grand V. and Lecturer,...	85	8 50	6 00	14 50	S. Blanchard.
Grand Architect,.....	...	.....	...	3 00	J. W. Gilbert.
Grand Sword Bearer,...	40	4 00	6 00	10 00	Geo. R. Hurd.
Past Grand Master.....	...	.....	3 00	6 00	W. T. Mitchell.

No	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	To whom paid.
142	Memphis.....	52	\$5 20	\$6 00	\$11 20	L. G. Sperry.
21	Pontiac,.....	26	2 60	6 00	8 60	H. M. Look.
27	Monroe,.....	40	4 00	6 00	10 00	A. I. Sawyer.
112	Wayne,.....	18	1 80	6 00	7 80	C. T. Barnard.
89	Myrtle,.....	30	3 00	6 00	9 00	E. H. Doyle.
151	Farmington,.....	20	2 00	6 00	8 00	John H. Smith.
115	Corunna,.....	77	7 70	6 00	13 70	H. McCurdy.
30	Concord,.....	90	9 00	6 00	15 00	A. W. Reynolds.
92	Prairie,.....	134	13 40	6 00	19 40	M. W. Alfred.
156	Olive,.....	54	5 40	6 00	11 40	Orin Thatcher.
90	Lowell,.....	148	14 80	6 00	20 80	J. West.
TOTAL,...		.....	.....	.....	\$54 09 75	

STANDING ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

1. *Resolved*, That no presiding officer in any Subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is entitled to wear any other regalia, except that of a Master Mason; and any attempt to introduce any other is an innovation upon the long established usages of Masonry, and one that cannot receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge, and is hereafter expressly prohibited.

2. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any Master Mason in good standing, within the accredited jurisdiction of any Subordinate Lodge, and not a member thereof, or of any other Lodge, or been rejected by any other Lodge, may become a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, if the Lodge applied to shall see proper to receive him.

3. *Resolved*, That the W. M., or Representative of each Subordinate Lodge which shall be represented in this Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers for the time being, and Past Grand Master in attendance, be allowed ten cents per mile for traveling fees, computing one way only by the most usually traveled route; and three dollars per day for the time he shall actually attend the sitting of the Grand Lodge, not to be paid until the close of the communication.

Provided, That no Representative shall be paid a greater amount than the Lodge he represents shall have paid into the funds of the Grand Lodge, for the current year, for dues. And provided, also, that no Representative be paid as the Representative of more than one Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That it is necessary for a Master Mason, when elected to preside over a Lodge, before entering upon the duties of his office, to receive a proper qualification, and that qualification shall be to bind him faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of a Master of a Lodge together with the ancient charges and regulations, as laid down in

Webb's Free Mason's Monitor, as compiled by R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, and nothing more; and that any present or past Master, who has received the aforesaid qualifications, be authorized to perform said ceremony when requested.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend to the M. W. Grand Master that no new Lodge be hereafter organized within the distance of ten miles of any other Lodge now at work within this jurisdiction, unless for special causes shown.

6. *Resolved*, That every brother ought to be a member of some Lodge.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan, to collect, by legal proceedings or otherwise, any debt due the Grand Lodge, whenever in his opinion the interest of the Grand Lodge shall require such action.

8. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not grant a Charter to a new Lodge, unless the petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the M. W. Grand Master, or the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer, showing that the three first officers thereof are competent and duly qualified to perform the work required of them respectively, and that they are conversant with the ancient charges and landmarks, and not without satisfactory evidence that they have or can secure a suitable place for holding meetings.

9. *Resolved*, That the following Masonic clothing and insignia be established as the standard in this jurisdiction; and that all Lodges and Brethren, hereafter procuring new clothing, be recommended to have the same made in conformity with the following description, to-wit:

JEWELS. The Jewels of officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as of Subordinate Lodges, shall be the same as are now in use, of a pattern to be found in the Grand Secretary's office.

COLLARS. Of officers of Subordinate Lodges, to be of light blue ribbon or velvet, four inches broad.

The collar of the Grand Master shall be of purple, four inches broad, with narrow edge of gold lace, embroidered with acacia and pomegranate on the outside, and ornamented in the center with pomegranate embroidered in gold.

Other Grand Officers, present and past, wear collars of purple ribbon, four inches broad, with narrow edging of gold lace cord.

APRONS. ENTERED APPRENTICE.—A plain white lamb skin or linen, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings, with a flap or fall to be triangular in shape.

FELLOW CRAFT.—The same, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

MASTER MASON.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one-and-a-half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers of Lodges who may have the emblems of their office, in silver or white, in the center of the apron.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, PRESENT AND PAST.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with purple, and ornamented with gold and blue strings; they must have the emblems of their office, in gold or blue, in the center.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold or embroidery, in the center, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun, embroidered in gold, in the center; on the edging, the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges to wear, in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon or silver, half an inch broad, and, if ribbon, of the same color of the lining and edging of the apron. If Grand Officers, similar emblems, of Garter-blue or gold.

10. *Resolved*, That it is the right of all Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to admit or reject visiting Brethren, as they, in their discretion, may deem best.

11. (Repealed.)

12. *Resolved*, That all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, located on the line of States, be and they are hereby *directed* not to initiate any person who lives in any other State, without first obtaining the consent of the M. W. Grand Master of such State, and also of the W. M. of the Subordinate Lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides.

13. *Resolved*, That the Master or Wardens of a Lodge, in case of permanent removal from the jurisdiction, are entitled to a demit, under like restrictions as other members of their Lodge.

14. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the M. W. Grand Master should not communicate official information in reply to letters from a Lodge, its officers or committees, not Masonically known to him, unless such letters are authenticated by the seal of the Lodge.

15. *Resolved*, That the infliction of fines, as a penalty upon refractory committees or Brothers, is inconsistent with ancient Masonic rules and usages.

16. *Resolved*, That in Masonry the accuser of a Brother Mason must be a Master Mason in good standing, who need not be sworn. The complaint or testimony of persons not Masons may be taken before the examining committee, on oath or otherwise, as the Lodge shall direct; but the testimony of witnesses not Masons should be taken before a committee, and not in open Lodge.

17. *Resolved*, That [no appeal from a Subordinate Lodge shall be entertained by the Grand Lodge, except upon proof that notice of said appeal has been given to the Subordinate Lodge in writing, within ninety days after the appellant shall have received official notice of such decision; and such appeal shall be prosecuted at the first regular Communication of the Grand Lodge after the time above limited shall have expired.

18. *Resolved*, That petitions for membership may be received and acted upon, but the applicant shall not be admitted to membership until he produces his demit, or in case of a defunct Lodge, proper evidence of membership from the Grand Lodge under which the same was held. Where regular proofs cannot be obtained, such cases come within the prerogative of the Grand Master, who may dispense therewith on proper showing, to his entire satisfaction.

19. *Resolved*, That neither three of the Masonic penalties should be inflicted upon a Brother without charges, specifications, notice and trial in due Masonic form.

20. *Resolved*, That all Lodges within this jurisdiction are enjoined and prohibited from encouraging, promoting or permitting the delivery or teaching any Masonic lectures or work which are not sanctioned and authorized by this Grand Lodge in accordance with its Constitution; and all Brothers within this jurisdiction are prohibited from delivering or teaching such lectures to Lodges in this State.

21. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of a Master of a Lodge to suspend the advancement of a candidate at any stage of his advancement, when it shall come to his knowledge that such candidate is either unworthy of receiving, or ineligible to receive Masonic light, regardless of the source or channel of such knowledge.

22. *Resolved*, That all newly chartered Lodges may hold their first election for officers at any regular Communication within two months after the date of their Charter.

23. Charges having been preferred and the Committee having reported, can the accused be expelled [at any but a regular Communication?

[Action on the charges must be commenced at a regular Communication, and may be continued from time to time and had at special Communications, convened for that purpose, by vote at such regular, or notice to all the members of the Lodge within the jurisdiction.]

24. It is competent to provide by the By-Laws for quarterly or annual dues, and to vote an assessment not provided for therein in cases of emergency, for relief of distressed Brothers and other objects of Masonic charity, and for the necessary expenses of the Lodge.

25. *Resolved*, That no Lodge shall receive any petition for initiation, unless the applicant state in the petition whether he has ever applied for initiation to any other Lodge, and if such application has been made, shall state the time or times when, and the Lodge or Lodges to which such application has been made; and in case such statements are found to be false, it shall be good cause for expulsion from the Order.

26. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge require all Committees to whom petitions may be referred, to make a full written report, as to the character, standing and antecedents of the candidate, as well as the jurisdiction to which he may rightfully belong.

And that said report be not written upon the petition itself, but upon a separate paper, signed by at least a majority of the Committee, which report shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge.

27. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of W. M. of every Subordinate Lodge, to cause the said Constitution and Standing Orders of this Grand Lodge to be read in their respective Lodges, at least once in three months.

28. *Resolved*, That copies of the Constitution may be sold at thirty cents per copy to any Brother desiring to possess one.

29. *Resolved*, That all resolutions, orders and edicts of this Grand Lodge, conflicting with the foregoing, be, and they are hereby rescinded.

30. *Resolved*, That a candidate for advancement has the right to apply at every regular Communication of the Lodge, unless charges have been preferred against him.

31. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that pursuant to Section 2, of Article I, of the Constitution, all Past Masters of Subordinate Lodges, who are in good standing, are entitled to all the rights of membership in this Grand Lodge, except the right to vote.

32. *Resolved*, That any and every Lodge that shall not make the required return, and pay over its Grand Lodge dues on or before the first day of January, in any year, shall not be represented in the Grand Lodge for that year, except on special permission of the Grand Lodge.

33. *Resolved*, That the Lodges with their returns shall send to the Grand Secretary the name of any Representative who may be elected, and the Grand Secretary shall make out a list or roll of Representatives from such returns, and if upon calling the roll a quorum of Representatives appear to be present, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to business without further delay.

34. *Resolved*, That accusations or charges against members of Lodge or against Subordinate Lodges, can not be received from non-affiliated Masons, except in case of charges against a member of a Lodge by leave granted by a vote of such Lodge, and in case of charges against a Subordinate Lodge, by leave of the Grand Lodge.

35. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to have a sufficient number of copies of the Burial Service printed in the same form as the Constitution, and that they be supplied to Lodges and members at the cost of publication, and that R. W. Bro. James Fenton be requested to insert the Ritual in his forthcoming new edition of Webb's *Monitor*.

36. *Resolved*, That all members in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby interdicted and prohibited from forming incorporate bodies under the laws of this State.

37. *Resolved*, That all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are required to be governed by the standard code of By-Laws, from and after the 2d of June, 1869.

38. *Resolved*, That Sec. 6 of Art. V. of the Constitution does not permit a Lodge to recommend the initiation of a rejected candidate in another jurisdiction, but only permits a Lodge to reject such candidate to another Lodge having concurrent or the same jurisdiction.

39. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Subordinate Lodge to vote or levy any tax or assessment upon its members for the purchase or building of any Masonic Temple or edifice, or for the discharge of any indebtedness incurred for either of said objects.

40. *Resolved*, That in cities or towns where more than one Lodge exists the M. W. G. Master be requested to require the recommendation of a majority of such Lodges before issuing a dispensation for a new Lodge.

41. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge in heretofore or hereafter granting Charters to Lodges of brothers of German or other foreign nativity or language does not assent to any change in or modification of the work or lectures, and requires all records, reports and returns to be in English, and that the Worshipful Masters and Wardens, shall be familiar with, and well skilled in the work and lectures in the English language.

42. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer be authorized to recommend, and the M. W. G. Master to appoint under the seal of this Grand Lodge, such assistant lecturers as may be necessary whose jurisdiction shall be set forth in said appointment, whose duty it shall be to visit all Lodges in their jurisdiction at least once in each year or oftener if in his opinion it is necessary, and instruct the several Lodges in the work and lectures, said assistants shall be paid by the Lodges for such services. Provided that they shall not demand to exceed five dollars for any one visit, and that all Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction are strictly enjoined to comply to the work and lectures, as taught by said Grand Lecturer and his assistants duly appointed.

